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Prices and Prospects.

[F]URNACES SHORT HUNDREDS OF TIMES THE VOLUME OF SPOT COKE THAT IS OFFERED

[Th]e Market No Longer an Index to Scarcity In Supply.

[MO]RE FURNACES ARE BANKED

[Un]ited States Steel Corporation Now Has More Than 30% of Its Stacks Idle for Lack of Coke; Independents No Better Fixed; No Contract Talk.

Special to The Weekly Courier
PITTSBURG Dec. 27—The spot [co]ke market is no longer the least [in]dex to the scarcity of coke for the [am]ount of coke by which the furnaces [ar]e short is hundreds of times the [vo]lume of coke that has been offered [in] the spot market the past few weeks [and] there is no disposition on the part [of] either producers or consumers to [att]empt to negotiate contracts when [con]tracts now existing are not being [ca]rried out the contract market has [be]come a nominal one.

[W]eek before last the Carnegie Steel [Co]mpany blew out four blast furnaces [be]cause it became evident that it [wo]uld be impossible to supply them [con]tinuously with coke during the [nex]t few months. Late last week it [ban]ked 14 furnaces because there was [not] enough coke to carry them over the [ho]lidays and while it was hoped the [fur]naces would resume by the middle [of] this week they have not done so [the] prospects being rather that more [sta]cks will have to be banked. The [Co]mpany has a total of 57 furnaces so [tha]t more than 30 per cent of its [sta]cks are idle for lack of coke. When[, a]s is the case with the company's [fac]ilities for making coke and ex[pe]diting its movement it could not [be] expected that other furnaces would [fin]d themselves in anything like nor[ma]l condition. Whether conditions [are] worse or better on the whole [wi]th the other United States Steel [Co]rporation subsidiaries and with the [ind]ependents they are very bad all [ar]ound.

The chief difficulty is car shortage [bu]t apart from car shortage there are [th]e numerous embargoes a continu[all]y increasing list whereby when one [ha]s cars for loading he can ship them [on]ly to certain points. The Pittsburg [&] Lake Erie for instance has a tight [em]bargo all around and will accept no [loa]ded cars for destinations off its [ow]n lines in any direction. It is [ru]nning its own business exclusively [an]d apparently it is running it quite [we]ll. The Pennsylvania on the other [ha]nd has few embargoes but it also [ha]s few cars and thus there is [tro]uble for the coke maker and the [bla]st furnace in all directions.

The worst feature of the situation [is] that there is no prospect of its get[tin]g any better in the near future. It [is] the common opinion that conditions [wi]ll be worse before they are better [an]d there are many who think the [ba]lance of probabilities is that within [a] short time the production of pig iron [at] blast furnaces tributary to the [Co]nnellsville coke region will be no [mo]re than half the capacity on ac[co]unt of lack of coke the furnaces [ru]nning slow being banked or being [bl]own out altogether. For weeks the [ra]ilroads have been claiming that they [we]re getting the situation better in [ha]nd and predicting relief for the near [fu]ture. If one gives the railroads [cr]edit for doing the very best they [ca]n for employing all the wisdom that [is] within the capacity of the human [mi]nd then he is driven to the con[clu]sion that the physical condition [ma]kes relief impossible. The physical [co]ndition that could not be relieved [by] system and management is a short[ag]e of motive power too few locomo[tiv]es and too bad conditions for the [loc]omotives in existence. That, in the [op]inion of many observers is the [wh]ole trouble.

Coke operators who used to glory in [a] high priced market have changed [th]eir views as times have shown that [be]yond a certain point high prices for [co]ke can occur only under conditions [th]at are injurious to producers and [co]nsumers alike.

Not enough coke is being sold to [ma]ke a real market and there would [be] no considerable tonnage bought [ev]en at prices materially below those [qu]oted in some quarters as the [ma]rket. The nearest approach to [qu]otations that would be representa[tiv]e of conditions seems to be the [sc]hedule given below but the prices [na]med are really practically nominal.

[Sp]ot furnace	$[illegible] 00
[Co]ntract furnace	$ 5 00
[Sp]ot foundry	$12 00
[Co]ntract foundry	6 50

The pig iron market has been very [qu]iet since last report the only in[ter]est shown by buyers being in small [lot]s of foundry and malleable for [pr]ompt shipment. Premiums are ob[ta]inable as there is a definite shortage [of] these grades. The market is quot[ab]le as follows minimum quotations [be]ing unchanged:

[Be]ssemer	$35 00 @ $36 00
[Ba]sic	$30 00
[No 2] foundry	$30 00 @ $[illegible] 00
[Ma]lleable	$30 00 @ $33 00
[Gr]ay forge	$29 00 @ $30 00

These prices are f. o. b. Valley fur[na]ces, prices delivered Pittsburg being [hi]gher by the 95 cents freight.

Duluth Gains 1,000,000 Tons.

[D]uring the season of 1916 Duluth [re]ceived 1,000,000 more tons of coal [tha]n in 1915.

COKE FREIGHT RATES

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points of shipment are as follows per net ton of 2,000 pounds:

Destination	Rate
Baltimore	$1 80
Buffalo	1 85
Canton	1 40
Chicago	2 50
Cleveland	1 60
Columbus	1 6[illegible]
Detroit	2 10
E. St Louis	2 80
Erie	1 65
Harrisburg	1 70
Joliet	2 50
Louisville	2 50
Milwaukee	2 85
New York	2 85
Philadelphia	2 05
Pittsburg	[illegible]
Port Henry N. Y	2 80
Pottstown	1 95
Reading	1 85
Richmond Va	2 94
So. Bethlehem	2 00
Swede and Pa	2 00
Toledo O	1 8[illegible]
Wheeling	1 20
Valley Points	1 [illegible]0

TRANSPORTATION CENTER OF INTEREST

In the Iron and Steel Trade, Increasing Embargoes Place New Limitations on all Traffic Movement.

Special to The Weekly Courier
NEW YORK Dec 27—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Transportation conditions are the center of interest in the iron and steel trade and will be the governing factor as to production for several months. If important price advances occur they will be for prompt material and will be due to curtailment of shipments owing to transportation facilities being inadequate.

The Carnegie Steel Company with coke ovens of its own and some transportation resources of its own had 20 of its 57 blast furnaces inactive over the holidays chiefly in furnaces banked last week with expectation of a [illegible] situation this week this now seems improbable. Some other interests have fared as bad or worse. There is any spot coke offered it is at ruinous prices. There is hardly any coal offered even at famine prices.

Cars for the shipment of finished steel are no scarcer but they are very scarce. A more important limitation is the increasing list of embargoes whereby loaded cars are frequently not accepted by the railroads and often the perplexity of the traffic manager is as to whether he should release empty cars or should hold them under demurrage or per diem charges against a possible lifting of embargoes. Already there has resulted some restriction in finished steel production though nothing large while conditions threaten a restriction of one fourth one third or even more in production before the railroad lines are cleared.

In some quarters it is believed that the management is as good as possible and that the trouble is wholly a lack of motive power through locomotives being in poor shape and if that is the case conditions are likely to grow worse rather than better.

Buyers of steel have concluded that price advances on the whole are done with and last week's $2 a ton advance in bars plates and shapes occurring in a dull market is interpreted in some quarters as a direct indication of the fact the advance being regarded as a finishing touch to make more secure the business already on books.

NO MORE COAL

Will be Shipped to Dealers Who Try to Hold Cars Speculatively.

Ohio railroads have found a way to strike at the coal speculator who tries to hold loaded cars for speculative purposes. They will decline hereafter to ship additional coal to dealers who they know have large supplies on hand and holding them for higher prices.

Under the new practice announced by railroad managers cars will be withdrawn from a dealer who already is overloaded and diverted to other shippers in communities where there is an actual need for coal.

Much of the shortage of cars has been artificial railroads contend and due to certain dealers abusing shipping privileges and holding railway equipment unduly.

Railroads Give Attention to Cars.

Railroads apparently are giving more attention to placing contracts for cars and motive power than for rails although a number of large roads in the East and in the West are still tentatively in the market for standard sections for delivery in 1918 including the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Coke by Express.

A consumer of foundry coke near Oil City Pa recently purchased about four tons of fuel which was shipped by express.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING DEC. 23, 1916				WEEK ENDING DEC 16 1916			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	20,819	18,532	2,287	187,071	20,819	18,428	2,391	221,673
Lower Connellsville	17,583	15,540	2,043	146,877	17,583	15,504	2,079	153,823
Totals	38,402	34,062	4,340	333,948	38,402	38,092	4,470	375,501
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	16,984	15,281	1,703	154,610	16,984	15,167	1,817	182,519
Lower Connellsville	5,826	5,038	788	50,517	5,826	5,036	790	54,184
Totals	22,810	20,319	2,491	205,127	22,810	20,203	2,607	236,703
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	3,835	3,251	584	32,461	3,835	4,261	574	39,155
Lower Connellsville	11,757	10,492	1,265	96,060	11,757	10,468	1,289	99,641
Totals	15,592	13,743	1,849	128,521	15,592	13,729	1,863	138,795

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING DEC 23, 1916.		WEEK ENDING DEC. 16 1916	
To Pittsburg	3,581 Cars	134,119 Tons.	3,724 Cars	130,133 Tons
To Points West of Pittsburg	4,407 Cars	156,482 Tons.	4,925 Cars	174,466 Tons
To Points East of the Region	1,168 Cars	38,374 Tons	1,629 Cars	57,694 Tons
Totals	9,166 Cars	328,975 Tons	10,278 Cars	362,293 Tons

FIGHT FOR RIGHTS BETWEEN THE RIVAL ROADS IN GREENE CO.

Now Centers on Priority of Location at Certain Strategic Points.

THE QUESTION MAY BE SETTLED

If Assurances are Given by the P. R. R. That It Will Carry Forward the Completion of the Plans to Develop the Resources of County's Interior.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in relation to the outcome of the contest between the Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern and the Wheeling Coal railroad companies for possession of the right of way along Wheeling creek eastward to the Greene county line. The hearing before Judge H. C. Herron [illegible] Wheeling [illegible] will be [illegible] was concluded some days ago. Counsel for the Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern company will submit brief on January 6th which followed by the submission of similar documents by the Wheeling Coal Railroad Company on January 1[illegible]th.

At the hearing Charles McCamic attorney for the Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern company charged that the Wheeling Coal railroad was not heard of until the Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern as it finally came to be known had planned to build a railroad connecting Wheeling with the Connellsville coke region by a road leading up Wheeling Creek through Ohio and Marshall counties and had expended thousands of dollars in having a survey made incorporated the company and was ready to begin raising the funds for the construction of the road; then the Wheeling Coal railroad was organized with its incorporators employes of the Pennsylvania railroad who themselves could not finance the road but who were to be backed by the Pennsylvania road and that as soon as plans for building the Wheeling Ohio & Eastern road had materialized the Wheeling Coal road shifted its location in certain places in order to hold up the construction of the Wheeling Ohio & Eastern.

Chief Engineer Jacobus testified in effect that prior to February 1916 he made a careful study of the country through which Wheeling and the Monongahela river district might be connected by a new railroad. In February he was instructed to proceed with a survey and engaged a corps of engineers and started to work. The field work in West Virginia was completed May 18 and a complete map and technical description of the entire route was filed on May 29. Later the Wheeling Company railroad engineers made a location. Several farms were purchased and still later changes were found to have been made in the Wheeling Coal railroad's location at several strategic points on the line.

The preliminary work of the Wheeling Ohio & Eastern enterprise was done under the name of the Panhandle Exploration Company. Almost immediately the Wheeling Coal railroad jumped into the territory and secured a charter which antedates that of the Wheeling Ohio & Eastern three or four days.

On June 1 the incorporators of the Wheeling Ohio & Eastern selected the route for the proposed railroad. On June 15 the stockholders and directors adopted the same route. The location which the Wheeling Coal railroad began on June 13 to make it is contended is without effect under the law since the incorporators had failed to comply with the law requiring publication of notice of their intention to apply for a charter.

While considerable interest has been aroused by the legal action between the rival companies no less interest is taken in the persistent rumor that the whole question is to be settled by the Pennsylvania railroad which is backing the Wheeling Coal railroad enterprise acquiring all the rights in the premises which is to be followed by the construction of the road as planned by the promoters of the Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern [illegible] connection [illegible] generally assumed [illegible] legal [illegible] tactics [illegible] fail the assurance given that [illegible] expansion of the [illegible] lines into Greene will be carried forward with a further [illegible].

It is expected that [illegible] announcement [illegible] Pennsylvania program [illegible] made after the consummation of a sale of coal in the Waynesburg district details of which are being withheld from the public until it is completed.

It [is] known for [some] years that [the] Pennsylvania has [illegible] been [in] possession of a complete set of plans including right of way [illegible] tons [illegible] veys and other essential documents for a railroad invasion into the county. With the sale of the [illegible] acreage [by] J. V. Thompson to the H. C. Frick Coke Company by which one of the large speculative tracts along the [illegible] front [illegible] into the hands of an operating concern [able] to [illegible] in Greene county coal accessible to the river is now on the market. This makes necessary the construction of a railroad across the county for interior development.

COKE COMPANIES MEET CREDITORS

Liberal Payments Authorized on Petition of Receivers of Two Concerns Involved in Thompson Failure.

The coke companies of Fayette county which were obliged to take protective measures as a result of the failure of J. V. Thompson and the First National Bank of Uniontown are making splendid progress in their recovery. The Thompson Connellsville Coke Company has made an announcement of a pro rata distribution of 20% to creditors who granted a two year extension in the spring of 1915. Checks in payment are now being mailed to creditors. Further distributions will be made from time to time as funds accumulate and interest adjusted later it [is] announced.

Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in chambers Friday gave G. S. Harah, L. W. Fogg and John R. Thompson receivers of the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company permission to distribute $272,624.12 among its creditors. This distribution will pay the interest coupons on the first mortgage bonds and the second mortgage bonds to next January 1 will pay the interest to January 1 on all bills payable and notes outstanding and accounts payable and will pay a dividend of 10 per cent on all bills payable notes outstanding and accounts payable.

The petition of the receivers indicates that the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company under the management of the receivers has enjoyed a most properous year. According to the petition the receivers in addition to making the payments upon the indebtedness stated that they will be able to resume payments into the sinking fund provided by the terms of the first mortgage. Compliance with the provisions of the first mortgage until next January was waived by the bondholders of the company on September 6 1916.

Wheel Coke to Buy Coal.

The Wheel Coke Company has bought 108 acres of Pittsburg coal in Hempfield township Westmoreland county from the Keystone Coal & Coke Company consideration $6,000.

South America Takes More Coal.

South America took four times as much coal from the United States during the past year as the previous.

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THE NORTHERN END DISTRICTS WERE FAVORED IN WEEK

By Being Able to Almost Recover the Loss of Previous Week.

GAIN OF 6,900 TONS WAS MADE

The Week Evidently Being One of The Better Weeks Which Have Been Recurring Alternately With Others Not so Good. Gain Evenly Divided.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville districts [illegible] strangely fared last week [illegible] able to almost completely recover the [los]s sustained during the previous week. While both districts of the Connellsville region suffered [illegible] [illegible] due to [illegible] [illegible] made a gain.

[illegible] times enjoy [illegible] to [illegible] advantage [illegible] been in [illegible] some weeks past that the alternate weeks bring better general conditions [illegible] movement in the northern district [illegible] improvement has gained [illegible] [illegible] hold through two successive weeks [illegible] average was one of the better week.

During the week ending Saturday December 23rd the shipments from the two districts were as follows:

District	East	West	Total
[Up]p[er]	10[illegible]	[illegible]19	1 [illegible]
Greensburg	1,04[illegible]	1[illegible]8	1[illegible]
Total	1[illegible]		[illegible]

The gain shown by these totals was 6,91[illegible] of which [illegible] tons was in Eastern shipments and [illegible] tons in Western shipments. The Upper Connellsville district contributed [illegible] tons to the gain and the Greensburg Connellsville district 3,973 tons.

The output of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville regions for 1916 was consigned by weeks and tons of 2,000 pounds as follows:

Week	East	West	Total
Jan 1	[illegible]	[illegible]	40,448
Jan 8	13,[illegible]	[illegible]115	[illegible]
Jan [illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Jan [illegible]	1[illegible]	18[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	48,[illegible]
Feb 1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb [illegible]	18,80[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar [illegible]	18,[illegible]		[illegible]
Mar 11	[illegible]	[illegible]	41,[illegible]
Mar 18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mar 2[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April 1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April 8	16,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April [illegible]	18,[illegible]	[illegible]	
April [illegible]	18,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
April [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May [illegible]	18,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May [illegible]	18,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40,[illegible]
June [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
June [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	41,[illegible]
June 1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
June [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July 1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July 8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July 1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July [illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
July [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug 5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug 1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aug [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept 9	18,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept 16	18,[illegible]	18,[illegible]	[illegible]
Sept [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sept [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oct [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oct [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oct [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oct [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nov [illegible]	16,[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nov 11	1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nov 18	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Nov [illegible]	1[illegible]		
Dec [illegible]	16[illegible]		[illegible]
Dec [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dec [illegible]	13,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dec [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

River Employes Get Increase.

An increase of ten per cent has been granted in the wages of all steamboat employes on the Monongahela river. The increase which was granted by the Vesta Coal Company runs from chambermaid to captain.

Coal $30 in Rome.

The price of coal in Rome has reached $30 a ton.

Production and Output.

PENALTY OF A PARTIAL COKE CAR SUPPLY COMPARED WITH POSSIBILITIES OF 100%

Loss of 125,000 Tons From the Big Record of a Year Ago.

100,000 TONS WITHIN 2 WEEKS

Present Conditions Simply Index the Transportation Situation, Railroads Cannot Move Cars Fast Enough to Carry Coke the Consumers Need.

The shipment of 454,000 tons of Connellsville coke during the week preceding Christmas of 1915 showed the possibilities of a 100% car supply. The shipment of only 329,000 in the corresponding week of 1916 showed that the penalty of a partial car supply has been the loss of 125,000 tons.

A year ago consumers made requisitions for coke far in excess of their requirements in order to guard against the annual post Christmas slump in production. The region responded promptly by making the record of the year. This year the limitations placed upon the transportation service of the region and the country generally made a coke shipment record for the year of a wholly different character.

By a further loss of 33,000 tons in shipments the output of the region fell [to] 3[illegible],000 tons last week thereby sustaining a loss of 100,000 tons within the past fortnight. To find a weekly record which compares in point of tonnage it is necessary to go back to June of 1915. During the second week of that month the total was 331,141 tons to which mark there had been a slow but gradual ascent from January 1st of that year. Subsequent to June [illegible] 1915 the output grew by small weekly increases to 400,000 tons and over near which total it has held until within the past two weeks. With the ushering in of winter in the week of December 16th shipments made the first notable downward plunge of the past eighteen months with the single exception of the week following July Fourth. From a total of 400,039 tons the weekly record dropped to 262,293 tons which in turn has fallen to 328,[illegible] tons for the week ending December 23rd. The aggregate shrinkage of the two weeks marks the greatest loss sustained during a similar period since the big slump following the panic of 1907.

In the present instance the heavy drop in tonnage is simply and strikingly [ind]exes the transportation situation [which] has become almost an impossibility for the railroads to move the loads [and] return empties to the ovens with such regularity or in such quantity as will maintain the average approximately near the capacity of the ovens to produce or that the needs of the coke consumers require. It is now not a question of car supply but the still more important one of motive power supply. Were the railroads equipped with locomotives sufficient to move the traffic offering its movement would be so facilitated that the car shortage would to a great extent automatically regulate itself. Per diem mileage of cars would be greatly increased hence render them more quickly available for reloading which after all is what the coke region most needs at this time to provide its consumers with more coke.

Taking the week and the region as a whole the car supply last week averaged under rather than above 40%. The first of the week started out with 80% distribution but this was never very closely approached upon any subsequent day of the week. This week the successive holidays of Sunday and Christmas allowed a better accumulation of cars for Tuesday's loading than would have been possible had but one idle day intervened. The distribution ran about 80%. Yesterday kept close that mark but for today's loading it is doubtful if more than 50% supply will be available. Coal car supply averaged about 30% last week and began this week with 50 to 60.

Coke production is now more closely gauged by shipping possibilities than at any earlier period during the present car shortage. For several weeks past considerably more coke was made than there were cars available to [carry] it. This was stocked on the yards of the hand drawn oven plants but so little of it has accumulated at [any] plant that further stocking [is] not [illegible] one. If cars are not at hand [illegible] left and drawn [illegible] loss of production [illegible] in the yield of the [ovens] when they are drawn [at] irregular time.

The estimated production for the week ending Saturday December 23rd [illegible] tons of which the [furnace] ovens produced 128,521 tons [illegible] 1[illegible] tons for the former [illegible] tons for the latter or a [illegible] of [illegible] 41 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 187,071 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 146,877 tons the [illegible] tons [illegible].

Shipments for the week ending Saturday December 23rd aggregated [illegible] cars containing 328,975 tons consigned as follows:

	Cars	Tons
To Pittsburg	3,581	134,119
West of Pittsburg	4,407	156,482
East of Connellsville	1,168	38,374

COKE TRADE SUMMARY

[illegible] in the coke trade [illegible] the railroads [illegible] cars [illegible] the coke [illegible] production [illegible] tons. The [illegible] partial supply [illegible] [illegible] week. Production is both [illegible] and limited by [illegible] is more closely [illegible] market [illegible] index [illegible] offered [illegible] power equipment [illegible] prices [illegible] and $[illegible] [illegible] Contract [illegible] are completely suspended.

OLD KRIS VISITS COMPANY STORES

He Distributes Candy at Union Supply and Other Establishments in the Coke Region.

Thousands of children and [grown]-ups of men employed at the H. C. Frick Coke Company's plants throughout the Connellsville region participated in the annual Christmas treat at the various Union Supply Company stores on Christmas morning. Boxes of candy bearing the words "The Union Supply Company Wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" were distributed to the [fami]lies [illegible] in bags of groceries [illegible] families who were in want [illegible] the [illegible] few however [illegible] the high wages paid by the coke company this year.

The distribution began at 8 o'clock at most of the stores but as early as [illegible] o'clock children who however [illegible] [illegible] of the arrival of Santa Claus with his candy. At some of the large plants [illegible] on [illegible] prevent injury [illegible] [illegible] The army was [illegible] Santa [illegible] boxed [illegible] was no sufficient [illegible] of confection [illegible].

[illegible] cigars were distributed to [illegible] some of the works and it is estimated that close to [illegible] persons were made happy by the Union Supply Company's generosity.

Christmas treats were also provided by the W. J. Rainey stores and by the Washington Coal & Coke Company.

BY-PRODUCTS FROM LIGNITE

Geological Survey Impressed with the Results of Recovery Tests.

[illegible] extending the by products principle of coke-making to lignites profitable exploitation has been accomplished which has impressed the Geological Survey with its possibilities. The fact that the American Coal Refining Company of Denver has found it possible to recover valuable [illegible] and oils from lignite as well as a residue which practically [is] the equivalent of anthracite in composition [and] leads to the belief that the process can be applied successfully to the brown lignite of North Dakota and eastern Montana as well as to the black lignites of Colorado.

The larger sizes of the residue are being sold in direct competition with anthracite. The [illegible] and fine sizes are being briquetted. One of the oils which is a by product of the process is becoming increasingly popular for use in connection with flotation. The demand for this [illegible] exceeded to some materially to the point which can be earned in refining lignite.

COKE WORKERS GET BONUS

By Product Concerns Make Distribution of Profits With Their Employes.

The Milwaukee Coke & Gas Company Milwaukee [illegible] Semet Solvay Company [illegible] two other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] employes. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] action.

Koppers Company Buys Steel.

The H. Koppers Company has placed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] McClin[tic] Marshall Construction [Co]mpany [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Colorado [illegible] [Fue]l & Iron [illegible].

Increasing Mine Capacity.

An additional [illegible] with a capacity [illegible] [shi]pments of 1,[illegible] tons of coal [illegible] equipped at Bradford Ala by the Alabama Coal & Coke Company of Birmingham.

OBJECTION MADE TO NEW TARIFF ON ORE FROM LAKE PORTS

Which Have Been Proposed to Western Penna. and Other Points.

HEARING BEFORE I. C. C. JAN. 4

"Spotting" Charges Figure Largely in Complaint; Claim is Made That the Industrial Loads Perform More than a Spotting Service at the Terminals.

Objections to proposed tariffs submitted by the railroads governing the transportation of iron ore from lower lake ports to consuming points in Ohio Western Pennsylvania West Virginia and Ashland Ky are made in a letter which has been received by Commissioner Clark of the Interstate Commerce Commission from Commerce Counsel Charles S Belsterling of the United States Steel Corporation says the Washington correspondent of The Daily Iron Trade

Referring to the provision in the tentative tariffs specifying the marked capacity for the minimum carload weight Mr Belstering says this is a radical proposal At the present it is pointed out the ore tariffs provide for a minimum of 30 gross tons with a further proviso that it there is a tail end of a cargo resulting in half car load lots the lading may be billed at actual weight at the carload rate Another point taken up is that the rail roads do not separate the dock allowances and the transportation rate on shipments from Lorain O The tariffs it is stated made two through rates one covering the movement of ore from the rail of the vessel and the other movement from the dock

The railroads propose to pay 2c per ton to the National Tube Company out of the direct ore rate and 10c per ton on dock ore In other words Mr Belstering says to the outside or private dock the compensation is not to be increased while for a like service over the railroad docks the reserve the maximum permitted by the majority opinion in the iron ore rate case Comparing the Lorain tariff with the Ashtabula tariffs where the rates are shown separately for the line haul rate the railroad receives or the line haul 50c per ton while on shipments from Lorain they receive 46c per ton

Reference is then made to the fact that the railroads contemplate a charge to the Carnegie Steel Company for spotting at Youngstown O of 2c a ton Republic Iron & Steel Company 3c and the Brier Hill Steel Company 4c per ton and where the terminal service is performed by a so-called industrial railroad no allowance is made to the railroad for transportation service This it is held is inequitable

Many of these terminal railroads perform more than a spotting service Mr Belsterling continues For instance the McKeesport Connecting railroad Benwood & Wheeling and St Clair Terminal railroads and others are in my opinion common carrier railroads and not plain facilities and the services rendered consist of a long haul and classification service as well as a spotting service It necessarily follows if the rate is to be segregated that it would be inequitable to throw the entire expense of the operation of such terminal railroad upon an industry in addition to the line haul rate and in other cases to charge the industry merely for the bare cost of spotting

Hearing in the ore rate cases is to be held in Washington on January 4 before the Interstate Commerce Commission The cases affect changes proposed by the commission with regard to the transportation of ore from lower lake ports to furnace points in Ohio Western Pennsylvania West Virginia and Ashland Ky Roughly speaking 25 000 000 tons of ore annually are involved This is approximately 50 per cent of a season's shipments from the Lake Superior mining districts Under existing rates the carriers concerned receive a revenue of $20 000 000 each year from this traffic That they will receive greater revenue under the proposed readjustment of the traffic seems to be a foregone conclusion Commissioner McChord who dissented from the majority ruling in the case estimated that if suggestions made by his colleagues were put into execution the carriers would derive $50 000 more year y

SEIZE GERMAN COAL IN CANADA

Holdings in British Columbia Believed Purchased by Kaiser William's Funds Declared Forfeited.

British Columbia coal mines in which much of the private fortunes of Kaiser William of Germany General von Buelow General von Mackensen and representatives of other famous Teuton families are said to be tied up are about to be forfeited according to reports from Victoria B C Proceedings to liquidate the affairs of the Vancouver Nanaimo Coal Company have been instituted

These proceedings will destroy the plan real or supposed of the German government to gain control of the British Columbia coal fields and a partial control of the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad

Shortly after the European war began the British Columbia authorities began a vigorous search for Count Alvon von Alvensleben well known in Seattle who left Victoria the day before the war was declared It was discovered that Von Alvensleben had gained control of the strategic claims in the Groundhog anthracite field and that arrangements had been made to build a railroad to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific system Von Alvensleben was said to be the direct financial representative of the Kaiser

The Canadian authorities made every effort to get in touch with him and for some time prevented his wife who is of English birth from leaving the country The count however remained a safe distance from British Columbia The claims owned by Von Alvensleben and which British secret service agents said were purchased with Kaiser Wilhelm's money were immediately declared forfeited

Since that time the British authorities have been investigating the affairs of the Vancouver Nanaimo Coal Company which furnishes a large amount of fuel for cities on Puget sound and for ships engaged in the Alaska trade The names of Von Mackensen Von Buelow and other prominent Teutons were discovered among the list of stockholders and it was decided to wind up the company's affairs immediately The single lot mine owned by the company and which is disbursing from $15 000 to $20 000 a month among Canadian and British employes will be closed

The list of stockholders was found to contain the names of 37 Germans and 75 Canadian shareholders All of the German shareholders reside in the Fatherland and obtained their investments through agents before the European war commenced

While no dealings with the German shareholders have taken place since the war began the status of the company was found to be a contravention of the act forbidding trading with an enemy

OBJECTIONS OVERRULED

Coke Company Fails to Reverse Decision of Compensation Referee

UNIONTOWN Dec 22 Word was received yesterday that the appeal of the Poland Coal & Coke Company from the award of the Workmen's Compensation Board in the case of John Hollis has been dismissed the board sustaining the award of the referee I H Carstley who awarded Hollis $10 per week total disability due to a injury to the left foot and leg from August 1916 $10 per week for 150 weeks for the permanent loss of the right foot The combined period of compensation is not to exceed 500 weeks and the aggregate amount is not to exceed $4 000 with $75 additional for medical services during the first 14 days of disability

John Hollis was injured in the mine of the Poland Coal & Coke Company in Greene county opposite Point Marion on August July 29 while engaged as a scraper on a cutting machine

Announcement was made by counsel for the Poland Coal & Coke Company that an appeal will be taken to the courts being the first case from this section to be taken to the courts Hollis was represented by Attorney Chas Goodstein

To Operate in West Va.

The Stern Fairmont Coal Company of Wyatt W Va has been incorporated to operate in Marion county capital $100 000 Joseph Stern and George E Johnson of Parkersburg Lee Stern Bertha Stern and Rose Stern of Uniontown

To Build More Furnaces

The Midvale Steel & Ordnance Company will build two furnaces at the Cambria plant Johnstown

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Dec. 23, 1916

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P O Address
			MERCHANT OVENS	
175	160	Acme	W J Rainey	New York
80		Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
120	60	Boyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
30	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
32		Carolyn	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
40		Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
40	40	Ellen No 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	48	Ellen No 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
00	100	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
200	200	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York
135	100	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York
10		Franklin	Summit-Conn Coke Co	Connellsville
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
116	116	Grace	W J Rainey	New York
8	8	Helen	Samuel J [illegible] br	Youngwood
145	145	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
42		Jimtown	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
38		Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co	Uniontown
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
82	82	Love	C'ville Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
64		Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co	Dunbar
300	360	Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
100	58	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
60	60	Painter	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
180	180	Paul	W J Rainey	New York
96	60	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York
550	518	Revere	W J Rainey	New York
36	36	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
80	60	Veteran	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
57	48	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co	Pittsburg
3,8[illegible]	[illegible]		FURNACE OVENS	
260	220	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300		Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
307	300	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	100	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
280	264	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
501	501	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
78	10	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
338	338	Continental 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	140	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
338	333	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
380	100	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
373	[illegible]	Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	290	Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	280	Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
356	356	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	246	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
306	300	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
499	440	Leisenring 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	460	Leisenring 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
503	400	Leisenring 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	304	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	216	Lemon No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
360	360	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
509	470	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	300	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
196	140	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
258	258	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	300	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
480	307	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
424	380	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	100	Rist	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
448	448	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
425	416	Southwest 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
160	120	Southwest 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	168	Southwest 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
901	800	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
110	110	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
80	76	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
464	464	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
360	330	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	70	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
94	94	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
362	362	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	460	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
346	346	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
16,984	[illegible]			

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10x5x12	102 gals		1¼	1½	3	2½	1600
10x6x12	117 gals		1¼	1½	4	3	2100

PISTON MINE

Size	Capacity	Will Supply	Steam	Exhaust	Suction	Discharge	Weight
10x5x12	102 gals		1¼	1½	3	2½	

DEEP WELL

Size	Steam	Exhaust	Plunger	Bucket
6x12	¾	1	1⅞ to 3 in	2¾ to 4¼ in
6x24	¾	1	1⅞ to 3 in	2¾ to 4¼ in

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At a recent meeting of the Kentucky Mining Institute J. R. Foster, engineer of the Wisconsin Steel Company, read a paper on the "Coking Coal Industry in Harlan County, Kentucky," which is interesting to coke makers in that the Belgian type of oven was rejected in favor of the standard type of beehive as best adapted for coking the high volatile coal of that district.

Engineer Foster says that work on the first plant in Harlan county was commenced in 1910. The first ovens to be built were two Mitchell or rectangular ovens. These were constructed for experimental purposes in order to discover whether or not the Belgian type of oven would be more economical for coking Benham high volatile coal than the beehive oven. The ovens were 5 ft. wide, door 4½ ft. high, length 30 ft., crown 7½ ft. high, with 14-in. trunnel heads. Eight tons were charged per oven. The coal stood in ovens after leveling, about 30 in. The percentage of recovery was very low, averaging 52 per cent. This grade of coke seemed to be as good as that produced by beehive ovens. As this test was unsatisfactory, it was decided to run some tests in Stonega beehive ovens, and 36,250 lb. of "C" seam coal was hauled over in wagons and crushed. The test gave the following results:

	Lb.
Amount of coal charged	36,250
Coke recovered	22,180
Loss	14,070
Per cent. of loss	38.81
Per cent. of recovery	61.19

The ash removed from the ovens, including all the small coke that would fall through the coke-fork prongs which were 1¼ in. apart amounted to 877 lb., or 2.5 per cent. of the raw coal charged. Therefore, from these tests it was decided that the beehive method would be the most economical for coking "C" seam coal.

At first 300 ovens were built and later 108 were added, making a total of 408 ovens. Each battery has two rows of ovens; the diameter of the ovens is 12½ ft., height 6½ and 7½ ft. and 14-in. trunnel head. The ovens are built of ring wall brick to a vertical height of 37½ in.; at this height the construction of the dome begins and continues until there is only a 14-in. opening, which holds the trunnel head. In practice with high volatile coal it was found that the 7½-ft. oven gives the best results, because it means a larger combustion chamber, and more gases are burned inside the oven instead of escaping so that the oven gives the added advantage of extra heat.

The coal is crushed by two Jeffrey swing hammer crushers, the maximum size of the coal being ¼ in. It is carried from the crusher by a drag conveyor to a slack bin. The charging is done by two electric larries with trailers. The first charges of both 48- and 72-hr. are 5 tons and the second 48-hr. charges 6 tons and 72-hr. charges 7 to 7½ tons.

The best practice is to wait until the charge is well coked before drawing. Beehive ovens coke the coal from the top down, and until the charge is coked to the bottom the coke will have what is commonly called black butts, which break up very easily, and also coal remaining at the bottom, both causing considerable loss of yield. Another reason why the charge should not be drawn before it is well coked is that the oven bottom does not get red hot, and cold bottoms cause a decreased yield per oven. If two incomplete charges are drawn in succession, it is impossible to coke the next charge in the allowed length of time. All ovens are drawn by hand and the coke is loaded by hand.

A problem that up to this time has not been solved is the elimination of the loss caused by the coke burning up between the trunnel head and the door. This is more pronounced in 72-hr. than in 48-hr. charges. The loss can be practically eliminated by mixing a large per cent. of high ash coal, but this method reduces the value of the coke.

The coal now being coke shows the following analysis:

Moisture	2.02
Volatile matter	38.78
Fixed carbon	58.91
Ash	2.27
Sulphur	0.652
Phosphorus	0.002
B.t.u.	14,554

Coke made from this coal gives the following:

Volatile matter	1.00
Fixed carbon	94.00
Ash	4.50
Sulphur	0.50
Phosphorus	0.002

The theoretical yield in coke for one ton of "C" seam coal is 61.18 per cent. For the year 1915 the Benham plant averaged 61.43 per cent., or 0.25 per cent above theoretical yield. This was partly due to all the volatile matter not being expelled, and the carbon deposit on the upper portion of the coke, due to extreme heat, breaking up the rich hydrocarbon gases before they came in contact with the oxygen in the air.

The Wisconsin Steel Company's plant at South Chicago consumes the entire output of the ovens except about 100 tons per month shipped to outside parties.

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NEW COAL ROAD IN KENTUCKY

To Give Eastern and Southern Outlet to the Harlan County Coke Field; New Developments Planned.

Big coal interests of Harlan and Harlan county, Kentucky, are fostering and back of the building of the Black Mountain & Clinchport railroad, a charter for which has been obtained, which will give an eastern and southern connection for their product. Coal operators and others interested have contributed $1,000,000 toward its construction, and are seeking right of way on the Black Mountain end of the line, which, if built, will run from Harlan via Clover Fork through the Black Mountain section, rich in coal and iron ore, and through the "pocket" section of Lee county, Virginia, terminating at Rose Hill, in connection with the Southern Railway and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad's Cumberland Valley division. In both Kentucky and Virginia rich mineral properties would be penetrated.

It is reported that New York bankers have already been prospecting upon a development of the rich deposits of iron ore near Rose Hill, and will assist in the construction of the Black Mountain & Clinchport railroad.

It is reported that a number of coking operations are planned to be developed along the new line of railroad. At Rose Hill, the eastern terminus, the road would be near Kingsport, enn., were, according to late reports a large iron industry will be established in the very near future. At Kingsport rich iron ore from Southwestern Virginia, East Tennessee and Western North Carolina can be drawn, and in the event the new road is assured, it can also be had from the Black Mountain section.

For several years, coal operators of the field have been attempting to finance the construction of a line giving them the necessary eastern and southern connection through the Virginia border, and at this time indications are that their dreams will be realized.

TO CHECK ABUSE

Of the Reconsignment Privilege Is Aim of Many Railroad Officials.

Further means to check practises which have contributed to the shortage of freight cars and general proposals looking to the betterment of the situation were discussed at a recent meeting of railroad officials and representatives of some of the chief shipping interests at Washington, D. C.

The chief topic was a method under which abuse of the reconsignment privilege could be prevented. Information gathered by the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission officials is said to indicate that speculators in foodstuffs and other necessities, by abuse of the reconsignment privilege, have withdrawn cars from their normal uses for unwarrantably long periods, thus contributing to the car shortage and indirectly to the higher cost of living.

Under existing regulations it is possible for speculators to ship cars to their order, reconsign them upon delivery to other destinations and continue the practise indefinitely keeping cars in transit awaiting favorable markets and virtually using the railroads as warehouses instead of carriers. Thousands of cars are said to thus have been made unavailable for legitimate shipments of manufacturers and other producers.

BIG COAL FIELD

Alaska Will Figure Largely as a Fuel Producer.

The Nenana coal field, Alaska, will be tributary to the government railroad now under construction from Seward to Fairbanks. Though the coal of this field is lignite and hence of low grade, yet it has great value as a source of fuel and power for Fairbanks and other Yukon placer camps. The field is about 60 miles south of Fairbanks. It is estimated by the United States Geological survey, Department of the Interior, that the Nenana field contains some ten billion tons of lignite.

The Nenana coal field lies in what is also contains some gold placers that have been mined in a small way for the known as the Bonnifield region, which last 10 years. This district is described in a report entitled "The Bonnifield Region, Alaska" (Bulletin 501) which can be obtained on application to the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

BOOM IN CASSELMAN

Operations There Will Expand in the Spring.

ROCKWOOD, Dec. 21.—The opening of the new Wolf-Miller coal operations and the promise that plant will expand in the spring revived the little town of Casselman and a big boom is expected there next spring. The Nelson-Logan operations have also resumed after being closed down for a long while.

Casselman was given a severe blow some time ago when the Baltimore & Ohio railroad discontinued its passenger stops here. The stops have been partially resumed and it is likely that the town will have good passenger service again.

Asks $25,000 Damages.

Suit for $25,000 damages has been entered against the Vesta Coal Company by Concetina Butera as compensation for the death of her husband, Joe Butera, who was killed by a fall of slate while at work in Globe No. 5 mine at California.

P. R. R. Buys Property.

The Pennsylvania railroad has purchased two tracts of land at Youngwood from Lottie and Robert Ellis. The larger plot, containing 3,650 square feet, adjoins the railroad station property at Youngwood.

In Blast Again.

The New Straitsville, O., furnace of the Bessie Furnace Company is in blast after re-lining.

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400	400	Allcia	W. Harry Brown	Allcia, Fay. Co
293	293	Allison No. 1	W J Rainey	New York
200	200	Allison No. 2	W J Rainey	New York
142	142	American No. 1	American C'ville C. & C. Co	Pittsburg
240	210	American No. 2	American C'ville C. & C. Co	Pittsburg
40	.....	Anica	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
42	.....	Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
257	.....	Besco	Champion Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
34	33	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
236	236	Dunbo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	160	Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
182	32	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Finley	Jas. Bryne & Co	Uniontown
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	100	Garwood	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No. 1	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Griffin No. 2	Hillman-Neff Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
45	45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
52	40	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
194	116	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
195	195	Hustead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	260	Isabella	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Holen
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Mt. Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Little Gem.	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
34	..	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	300	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	58	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
100	100	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
480	440	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
202	202	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	101	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
120	45	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Dutcrop
86	.....	Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
303	303	Royal	W J Rainey	New York
30	15	Sackett	H R Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
378	378	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
280	280	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
60	40	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	260	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	30	Sunshine No. 2	Lodone-Giulioni Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
400	380	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	304	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	258	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
394	252	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
84		Virgie	Byrne Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
500	500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	460	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
76	76	Wineland	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Winmore	Wineland-Gilmore Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
36	36	Yukon	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
11,757	10,492			
			FURNACE OVENS:	
120		Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
426	426	Baffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	354	Colonial No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Colonial No. 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	430	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Fairbank
400	400	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
202	202	Geneva	McKeefrey Coal Co	Leetonia, O
200	160	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
482	400	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
516	460	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
244		Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown, O
30	30	Newcomer	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg.
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
360	360	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
5,826	5,048			

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On account of difficulties in transportation it is possible that the iron and steel industry will not run at absolutely full capacity to the end of this year, says The American Metal Market, but the curtailment, falling in such a short period of the year, could not amount to much. It may be said, in general, that the year 1916 is one of full operation throughout. It is rather remarkable that it is the first year in ten to have this distinction. Not since 1906, until this year, did the industry operate at capacity, or even within 10% of capacity, for an entire calendar year.

In 1907 operations were at the limit practically through October, but they dropped to say one-half by the end of December, while 1908 was a year of light operation throughout, and it was not until the middle of 1909 that substantially full operation was reached. The highest rate of production in 1910 was reached about April and May, with substantial decreases late in the year, while 1911 was distinctly an "off" year. The next period of full activity ran from the late spring of 1912 to the late fall of 1913, thus spoiling each calendar year as to their being full operation, while 1914 was decidedly an "off" year and in 1915 full operation was not reached until August or Steptember.

The "prince or pauper" nature of the industry is well illustrated by the fact that calendar years of full activity should fall ten years apart and that when they do occur they are accompanied by such enormous pressure for steel. Prior to 1906 the intervals were shorter, both 1902 and 1899 being years of substantially full production throughout. The other years had something wrong with them at one end or the other.

Below we give our estimates of production in 1916, compared with previous records. The odd half million tons in steel ingots and castings is not intended to represent exactness, but rather represents the idea 32,000,000 or 33,000,000 tons would be equally good guesses. The pig iron estimate ought to prove correct within a quarter million tons and the steel ingots and castings and the rolled steel within three-quarters of a million. Rolled iron is difficult to estimate and the figure may be out by nearly a quarter million tons.

	Previous record	1916 Est.
Pig iron (1913)	30,966,152	39,500,000
Steel ingots and castings (1915)	32,151,036	42,500,000
Rolled steel (1915)	[illegible]	30,500,000
Rolled iron (1913)	1,678,527	1,500,000

The record in rolled iron in 1913 was the highest since 1910. Production in 1907, 2,200,086 tons, was the highest since 1901. Production was heavier in some earlier years but statistics were not continuous prior to 1901.

HOLDS COALING RECORD

Vessel is Given Fuel in 24 Minutes at Ancon Docks.

ANCON, C. Z., Dec. 21.—A record for quick coaling has been made by the new coaling plant at the Panama Canal at the Atlantic terminus. It recently delivered 420 tons of coal into the bunkers of a ship and sent her about her business in 24 minutes, and that too with the use of only one of the four leading towers with which the plant is equipped. This single conveyor was handling coal at the rate of 1,042 tons an hour.

There is practically never a ship comes to the plant which can take coal as fast as the plant can deliver it. The conveyors have to be stopped repeatedly to allow the coal to be trimmed evenly in the bunkers. For naval purposes the plant was designed to have an overall handling capacity of 2,000 tons an hour for an indefinite run, and be capable of speeding up to 3,400 tons an hour in emergencies. Tests for this capacity have been run, and the plant has been found to exceed requirements slightly.

Shipbuilding Will be Active.

It is estimated the tonnage of the world cannot be brought back to its normal position with regard to world requirements until 1922 at the earliest. This estimate is predicated on the war coming to an end in 1915 and upon the ship building capacity of the world being largely increased to meet the emergency.

Another Furnace In.

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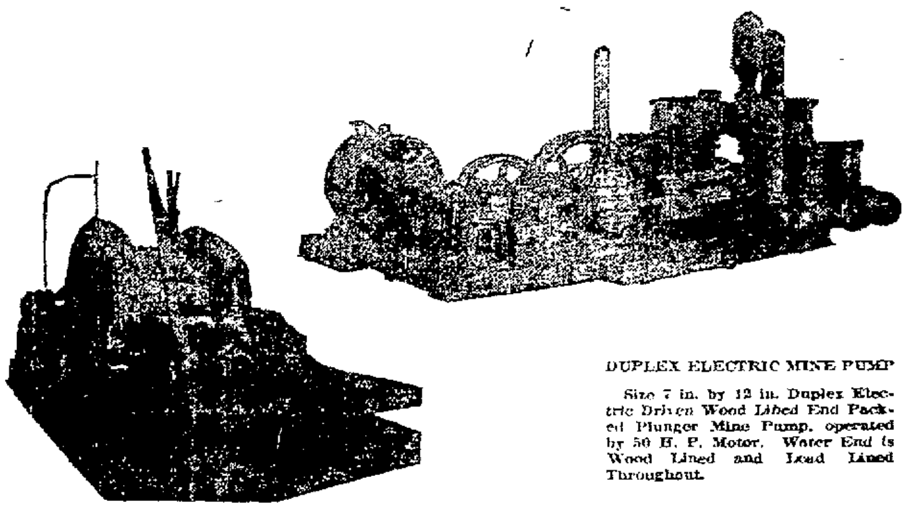

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TO OUR READERS:

An increase in the subscription rates of The Courier, effective January 1st, 1917 as announced elsewhere in this issue, is made necessary for the same reason that practically every other newspaper throughout the length and breadth of the land has been obliged to take the same step within the past few months

Ever since the European war began there has been a constant succession of advances in the price of every material used in the making of a newspaper, while there has also been a growing scarcity of supplies Chiefest in importance, because of the large place it occupies in the production of a newspaper is white news print On account of increased consumption the decreasing supply of raw material and other trade conditions the price of paper has been advanced over 60% Stereotype and linotype metals printers' ink, chemicals and the hundred and one articles essential in the mechanical process of making a newspaper have advanced 50 to 100%, and in some instances as much as 400%

In the hope of deferring and not avoiding the necessity of an advance in the price of their papers, publishers have been bravely meeting the new situation for some months as best they could by practicising every possible economy and the reduction of every possible waste Beyond a certain point in these retrenchments is has been found absolutely impossible to go and maintain newspapers near the modern standard The only alternative has been to provide a larger income through a slight increase in the subscription price a step which the publishers have been most reluctant to take

In the unusual situation thus created The Courier has made no increase in its local advertising rates and has limited the increase in subscription rates to the minimum to meet only the increased costs Throughout the period of steadily rising costs of production The Courier has steadfastly held to that high standard, from a mechanical and news service point of view and value as an advertising medium which has brought to it such a large and generous patronage among the newspaper readers of Fayette Westmoreland and Somerset counties and the advertisers of Connellsville and vicinity

At this time and indeed at all times The Courier would be unmindful of its obligations to its patrons if the opportunity were neglected to give expression of its appreciation of the substantial support given it by the reading and advertising public which it has enjoyed, and by virtue of which it has been able to increase its usefulness as an important factor in the life of the communities it serves

The energies resources and equipment of The Courier will continue to be directed toward making it a highly valued institution in the three counties in which it circulates and to maintain ing for it the distinction of being Connellsville's Biggest and Best Newspaper

TAKING CHANCES.

The decisions of the State Compensation Board on claims coming before that body are apparently setting at naught many long established principles affecting the responsibility for accidents One handed down a few days ago serves well by way of illustration

The Pittsburg Coal Company resisted the payment of compensation to the widow of a man whose death had ensued from violation of a rule of the company, and the mining laws of the state which prohibits the filling of lighted lamps in a mine The decision of the board was that the man's criminal negligence was no bar to compensation

"Whether or not this view shall be upheld says the Pittsburg Gazette Times, it points the duty of employers and fellow-workmen exerting themselves to the utmost to enforce every possible safety regulation Quite likely suspension or dismissal from employment too often has been the severest penalty imposed for misconduct endangering lives and property More drastic action must be taken Violation of the rules of safety ought to be punished by imprisonment of the culprit The certainty that they would be prosecuted were they discovered would deter more men from taking criminal chances than the possibility of death restrains Every workman ought to constitute himself a policeman pledged remorselessly to bring about the punishment of everyone whom he found so acting as to invite disaster to himself or others Self-interest of employers and self-preservation of employes requires drastic action "

The very probable effect of this decision will be to cause employers to eventually exact much more stringent requirements of men entering their employment. Just now when there is a great scarcity of men there may not be any effort in this direction but once the labor supply becomes plentiful it is almost certain that greater care will be exercised in giving employment to applicants especially to those who cannot give satisfactory proof that they are not only competent but also careful workmen. If the decision is upheld employers will learn that they cannot afford to take chances with careless workmen and the workmen themselves will learn that they cannot afford to take chances with their job by being careless

MUDDLE, NOT EXPLANATION.

Are we so soon to be disillusioned as to the impelling motive behind President Wilson's appeal for peace or are we to simply have another demonstration of diplomatic bungling and incapacity in the Department of State?

Upon its publication the world was asked, and it willingly accepted the plea for peace as an expression of the long pent up consuming desire of the President for that peace for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing

Scarcely had the news of it been spread to the four quarters of the globe than came the startling declaration of Secretary Lansing that the notes of appeal addressed to the belligerents were not sent because we had our national interest in mind but "because we are growing near to the verge of war ourselves

These statements having immediately given rise to the impression that the United States was about to change its policy of neutrality and had made the peace proposal because of a fear of war, and having also created great consternation in official and diplomatic circles the hint was evidently conveyed to the unwise and imprudent Secretary that his utterances were not approved at the White House Promptly he issued a second statement lamely explaining his first explanation with a view to correcting the wrong impression made by his earlier statements I did not intend says Secretary Lansing in his plea of confession and avoidance to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality

It has not yet appeared necessary that Secretary Lansing was called upon to make any comment on the peace appeal The first impression made by it was decidedly favorable and the world was willing to accept it for what it appeared to be The gratuitous and voluntary interpretation of it given by the Department of State operated at once to change the attitude of the whole world on the proposition It has given rise to the suspicion in many quarters that a wholly different construction should be placed upon the President's action than was at first understood

The explanations of the Secretary of State have muddled not helped or cleared the situation which is one of great portent to the whole world His uncalled for observations and comments have caused the public to ask Which are we to question most the lack of sincerity on part of the President or the lack of discretion and good sense on part of his Secretary of State? Or is the stage being set for another filming of the thrilling and uncensored drama He Kept Us Out of War?

THE APPEAL FOR PEACE.

The appeal by President Wilson to all the belligerent nations of Europe to indicate the terms upon which the war might be brought to an end, will no doubt tend to measurably advance the peace negotiations That it may is the fervent hope of every right thinking normally minded citizen of Christendom

In his notes to the several powers engaged in the conflict the President makes it plain that he is not proposing peace he is not even offering mediation He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing ' It is also made plain that the action is taken upon the President's own initiative and without relation to the transmittal to the Allies of the peace proposal of the German emperor

Coming at this time when all the warring nations are disposed to give thoughtful consideration to the peace offer of Germany the appeal of President Wilson will have a profound effect especially when the disinterested motives which prompted it are taken into account It is evident that notwithstanding the bold even defiant utterances of the statesmen of the warring nations that there is in the sober councils of each country and certainly so among the rank and file of their citizenship, a sincere desire for peace Under such circumstances the appeal of President Wilson ought to bring the participants in the insane and unholy conflict to a realizing sense of their obligations to humanity and induce them to respond to it in the temper and spirit in which the tender is made

WILL CLAIM ITS VICTIMS

The death on the rails of an aged Civil War and Frick veteran within sight of his home, is another sad reminder that men will still persist in the unfortunate and careless habit of using the railroad track as a highway Having escaped injury through walking the track for many years this latest victim of the habit like hundreds of others before him had come to consider himself immune from its dangers only to be caught at last.

Men generally know and realize the dangers but they become utterly indifferent to them Friends caution them repeatedly but without avail Laws have been made making the practise an offense Officers of the railroads make diligent effort to break it up While there has been a lessening in the fatalities from this cause there remains that attitude of mind on the part of many people that because a railroad provides a direct and easy path for foot travel it must be so used regardless of its ever present dangers

Law and railroad regulations and the activities of police officers are alike unable to wholly prevent it So long as it is persisted in just so long will death continue to claim its toll of victims

Fayette county has lost its oldest resident Robert Junk, whose life of almost a century was lived and closed within a stone's throw of his birthplace has passed to his reward As a model farmer and useful citizen he leaves a rich heritage

THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE.

While the great mass of the American people will look forward hopefully and expectantly to a happy conclusion of the peace overtures in Europe the thoughtful and serious minded among the business men of the country will not be able to view the situation without a certain apprehension They have long realized that wholly new and difficult economic problems will rise after the termination of the war, and that our country will be confronted with conditions which will tax our strength skill and resourcefulness in maintaining our position in the world of commerce and industry

The far-sighted men who have given intelligent thought to the possibilities and certainties involved in the struggle for supremacy in the world's trade after the war are aware of the serious character of the problems to be solved Those less gifted with insight into the future seem to be unmindful of both the nature and unusual character of these problems Some of these were pointed out in a recent address by Frank A Vanderlip president of the National City Bank New York when urging the business interests of the country to give most serious study to the situation He said

Unless I utterly misjudge affairs there are going to develop for this country problems of the gravest import —problems that will need for their correct solution the attention of the most enlightened minds State socialism in Europe may develop problems the like of which never concerned our minds We may have to meet collective buying state aided industries forms of governmental co operation with business quite outside our range of thought Government control of ocean borne commerce and novel factors of international finance will be subjects for national consideration There may come out of the war changes in forms of government that will have profound and world wide influence

With greater or less probability that peace will result from the preliminary steps of the Kaiser and the appeal of President Wilson there ought to be no delay on the part of the financial industrial and labor interests seeking to secure the cooperation of Congress in providing effective measures of protection to American capital and labor Like the question of peace which interests all and which should be promoted by every proper means the question of safeguarding American industry against the dangers of peace should have the same kind of undivided non-partisan support of both Congress and the country

HEAD WORK IN FARMING.

For a 14-year old boy to produce by his own efforts a yield of 75.1 bushels of corn to an acre of ground at a net profit of $73.87 and win the title of champion corn grower of Fayette county may well shame some of his elders who have not yet learned the importance and value of modern methods in grain raising

By the application of knowledge gained by investigators at the agricultural colleges and experiment stations in the cultivation of farm products the treatment of soils and the use of fertilizers progressive farmers of today are finding new possibilities in their business That this knowledge is being intelligently applied and with profitable results in Fayette county is due in a large measure to the systematic work of Farm Agent Dougherty and the work of Pennsylvania State College in the behalf of agriculture These agencies have overcome much of the prejudice which has so long existed against book farming Through practical demonstrations like the corn growing contests farmers have been convincingly shown that they can duplicate on their farms the results obtained at the experiment stations and college testing grounds but the practical value of which the farmers have long been more or less skeptical

The impetus which the farm bureau work has given the industry is merely securing on the part of a large number of farmers in different sections of the county cooperation in supplanting modern and well proven methods for the old and unscientific To this there has been added the stimulus of a new interest which has arisen from the larger profits to be gained from no more and in most instances much less labor than was required under older and less efficient methods

It is simply making the head do well some of the work formerly done indifferently by the hands

LET US HAVE PEACE.

In the interests of peace honorable and lasting it is hoped at this season when it should prevail in the hearts and lives of all men why should not Councilman Duggan and Citizen Veech compromise their differences over the names of streets?

In their public discussion of this question both were probably both right and wrong both a trifle thoughtless or unkind in their observations as men usually are when they lose sight of the main point at issue and dispute and disagree with more emphasis than wisdom or discretion over extraneous matters Probably both are a little ashamed that the proprieties were somewhat neglected probably both are sorry that their venture into the realm of unseemly discussion was so little in accord with the temper and spirit of the Holiday Season

If so why not let by-gones be bygones and settle the whole matter amicably as becomes the relations which should be sustained between a prominent public official and an equally widely known private citizen? To this end why not re-name Fron street and its extension Ashinton-Torrence avenue and change Seventh street to Veech-Duggan boulevard?

Such designations will preserve the true historic traditions both remote and recent attaching the names of these streets Their adoption ought to heal all the wounds which have been caused by the unhappy incidents growing out of the suggested changes in names and cause Peace to make the West Side one of its permanent abiding places

Cumberland has a Civil War veteran who at the age of 77 has become the father of a 9 pound boy Another of the volunteers who have failed as we presume General Scott the bureaucratic advocate of conscription would have us believe

APPROPRIATION FOR CO. D.

The request of Captain R S Morton of Company D that an allowance not exceeding $500 be made that organization out of the city's funds during the coming year will no doubt receive very thoughtful consideration when the annual budget is being made up

An act of legislature having expressly authorized municipalities in which National Guard companies are located to make appropriations for their support there is lawful warrant for the city to comply with the request The practise is followed in many different cities and towns of the state

It is little short of discreditable to the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that she is so niggardly in providing for the local expenses of its National Guard organizations Armories are built but provisions for their proper maintenance are wholly inadequate Aside from making up the deficiencies in the state's appropriations for these purposes the companies have to make provision for a number of other expenses which are not payable out of the state allowances, even if they were available in ample amount These conditions require company commanders to raise a considerable sum of money by various means during the year Members of the Guard and their friends always contribute freely otherwise the financing of a company would be a difficult task

There are doubtless many persons who are familiar with the situation a company commander has to meet who would not object to the city making an appropriation But they with others contend that the communities in which National Guard companies are located should be relieved of any necessity of contributing to their support Abstractly this may be true but the fact remains that we have nothing in our community which fills any large or important place in affairs for the support of which we do not directly or indirectly in some form or other make greater or less contribution Company D is an institution of this character of which many person have lent their aid in various ways If the city council determines that the financial condition of the city justifies making an appropriation those who have contributed to its support may if they choose be relieved of it in its previous form but their friendly interest in the company and the welfare of its members will not cease even if they help to meet the expense through the medium of taxation instead of by direct contribution

HONESTY BEFORE CHILDREN

It was rather a sad commentary on the honesty of street car travelers in general and of certain parents in particular when the West Penn Railways Company some years ago found it necessary to adopt two standards of measurement to determine when children come within the free fare limit

Trusting to the information given by parents as to the age of their children was early found to be an unsafe guide so [illegible] ... and they ... the conductors practiced eye ... years or older ... having revealed its failure ... the natural ... of ... 11 inches ... of normal ... five years of age was adopted as a second standard By the employment of this ... check on the measure of years ... this much vexed problem had been solved It was soon found however that in the rush of travel it was not always convenient for the conductor to apply the second test when he suspected the failure of the first Hence the unconscious habit developed of trusting more and more to the parent's word and less to the measurement test

This apparent abandonment of the latter method having developed into more or less of abuse the West Penn authorities considered means of checking it This they are doing through posting notices in the cars calling attention to the rule that unless a child is under 5 years or under or not over 41 inches in height it must pay fare As a part of this notice this rather pointed observation is made

Children who are six or seven years old at home and under five on trolley cars soon learn other dishonest things

This pertinent remark should have the effect of causing parents to consider the very plain truth contained in it The true significance of the practice so it is intended to correct has perhaps not occurred to many parents but they ought to realize that habits of untruthful and dishonest speech have quite as much influence on the child mind as have incorrect and improper habits of action It pays to be honest with children just as well as it pays to be honest before them

Another mail order bride has come to grief After traveling from Detroit to Denver to enter upon a dreamy existence with her husband of her choice in a pretty home she came back ... tender ... joined ... journey ... her home which she found ... picturesque ... railroad siding The belle did ... to assume wifely charge but hurried to the railroad station to take the first train back home to mother It was better to have it than ... in being a husband

General Hugh L Scott the advocate of compulsory army service says that the volunteers have always failed That of course includes the volunteers who won the battles of 1776 1812 1848 1861 and 1898

The New York young men who willingly went to their death in the electric chair three days before the time fixed by law in order that the grief of their relatives over their fate might be dulled as much as possible by Christmas had in them an element of character that entitled them to a chance to live Society derives no benefit from their judicial murder It might have profited had their sentences been commuted to life imprisonment

Heart balm at $1,000 per balm will tend to increase the High Cost of Living for sweethearts of old bachelors in Pittsburg

A Westmoreland county farmer has a bull named Kaiser Bill which has been trained ... buggy ... plowing ... Kaiser Bill's training has been largely devoted to driving and plowing John Bull

PREVENTING DUPLICATE SERVICE

The action of the Public Service Commission in objecting to the extension of a telephone franchise to territory already adequately served is not a new expression of that body's attitude on the question of a duplication of public utilities service The question has previously been before the commission in different forms

From the decisions given it may be accepted as a well established policy of the commission that where a public utilities corporation of any kind is rendering an adequate dependable and satisfactory service at reasonable rates the public interest will not be served by permitting competitors to enter the field At first thought such opposition to competition would appear to be harmful instead of helpful to the public interest

The function of the Public Service Commission is to protect the rights of both the public utility corporations and the public to require the former to deal fairly and the latter to act squarely in their relations to each other The physical property and the franchise of a utility corporation constitute its plant and the service it renders is its source of revenue The commission holds that any impairment of the rights of the corporation such as unrestricted competition to such an extent that its revenue would be insufficient to maintain its service to the standard demanded by the public is against the public interest Hence it is one duty of the commission to require of a utility corporation that it be able to render and to see that it does render the public a satisfactory service at reasonable rates

To effect these ends the commission has in several cases ruled that where a community is already being properly served by a utility the corporation would be harmed and the public burdened by duplication of service if a competitor were permitted to come in This decision is not in exact accord with the time honored rule of competition is the life of trade but that rule like the boasted conveniences of two telephones is no what or all that it appears to be

KEEPING CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR.

Except for the forbidding shadows which Death cast across the threshold of some homes the Christmas of 1916 was perhaps the most wholesome ever enjoyed of any in the history of Connellsville

Never before has there been quite so general a manifestation of the seasonal spirit never quite so generous a bestowal of Christmas favors and reminders not alone upon employes friends and kindred but also for worthy objects and purposes of a charitable nature Through the churches Salvation Army fraternal orders and a number of large hearted open handed individuals which maintain the happy custom of ministering to the wants of the unfortunate and distressed a Christmas the like has been provided an abundant store of necessities not forgetting even some luxuries

All of ... spoke ... of the appreciation ... the people ... of our city ... the opportunities ... to be happiness and comfort of others It is ... that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive and that there is no joy more abiding than is derived from giving without expectation that it will be compensated in degree or kind

The lesson of the Christmas of 1916 ought not to be forgotten with the passing of the Holiday Season A little of ... charitable kindly spirit can be so easily so profitably carried along through the new year that no one should fail to make that their purpose It has been so pleasant to have others be kind to us and has required so little effort on our part to be kind to them We have gained so much by being mutually unselfish in our relations to each other we now really know that to be the better way

Having let the Christmas spirit come into our lives for a brief season and felt better ... been ... for its uplifting influences let ... much of it as we can the ... to invite its full and larger growth by Christmastide of 1917

A ... department ... is ... Egg King Wetz of Chicago has ... his ... operations ... has ... charge of conspiring to raise prices Should the egg consumers ... out eggs they may yet give an answer to his insolent question What are you going to do about it?

Stocks ... for the car shortage ... rival in number the explanations of Why We Won

Many of the corporations have made the discovery that their clerks as well as the toilers in the shops are employes and also subject to the demands of the High Cost of Living

The whole ... question will probably shift from the Rio Grande to the ... question of compulsory military service ... opened up

General Leonard Wood admits having had charge of ... of the mobilization of the National Guard for border duty and declares that it was a complete ... He neglects to point out however whether ... of the failure was due to the War Department red tape National Guard officers can inform him if he himself does not know

Greensburg's borough treasurer donates his salary to a worthy charity each year Only a worthy object is deserving of so generous a patron

It is reported from Berlin that great crowds of people stood all night before the newspaper bulletin boards waiting for a reply from the Allies to the Kaiser's peace proposal Some years ago ... months ago Americans suffered similar nerve straining suspense while waiting to hear the answer from the Democratic Progressive Suffragist Allies of California

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is probably lucky with its passengers when ... couldn't be ... when hauling them with an engine bearing the ... number 1313

The State has returned the peace note That action is meant to prevent ... going to protest for non payment when due.

Representative Gardner of Texas a Democrat by birth, training and education proposes a horizontal tax of 10 or 12 per cent on imports as a measure to provide funds to meet the constantly growing deficit in government receipts While willing in times of dire necessity to accept the Republican doctrine of protection in principle the Democrats balk at calling it by that name at any time

Having offered to discuss peace terms to make a full statement of the terms, to restore the status quo in territorial boundaries and also to discuss disarmament and a league to guarantee permanent peace Germany has left very little on the Christmas peace bargain counter for the Allies to select from

A modest classified advertisement in The Courier offering an automobile for sale brought the advertiser a host of inquiries from all over the coke region and among them a buyer This is further proof of the widespread character of The Courier's circulation and that its readers are buyers All the time is the time to advertise

One hundred and fifty men were entombed in an Indiana mine by an explosion of gas the other day Due to the fact that the plant had been equipped with every life saving device recommended by the government 132 of the men were rescued alive within four hours Safety First paid there

A former reporter of a Cumberland newspaper now has an income of $5,000 per week But he is no longer a newspaper worker He is a playwright and the newspaper workers work for him Bringing compensation to the other fellow is one of the newspaper man's compensations

Travelers through Somerset county have found out in one day what it took the State College dairy experts six months to determine—that the wives of the Frost Sons are the prize butter makers of the state

Owners of waste land in this section ought to lose no time in placing orders with the State Forestry Department for a supply of forest tree seedlings for spring planting Making one tree grow where none grew before is better than making two blades of grass grow in place of one and it pays more

The feature of the peace situation that is worrying the Allies most is that they may be forced to tell what they are fighting for

Wall street got its second wind after Secretary Lansing had winded himself a second time on the peace note

The National Guard is assuming the proportions of a National Issue

The English papers think President Wilson's peace note was ill timed Here we think the Secretary of State was ill primed in his interpretations of it

The belief that corporations have no souls was badly shattered during the Yuletide days With the increases in wages pay days advanced to accommodate Christmas shoppers bonuses and their reminders being so freely given abundant proof is offered that individuals have no monopoly of the Christmas spirit

West Virginians are losing nothing of their thrift and least of all in these days of the high prices and high costs Last year its state penitentiary paid a dividend of $100,000 into the general revenues This is no capitalizing crime but it is making a pretty good profit out of its criminals

The Allies don't like peace which bears the brand Made in Germany

In the rush of Christmas preparations and festivities some of our young ladies of marriageable age and eligible qualities have doubtless overlooked the near approach of the end of Leap Year

Tom Lawson of Frenzied Finance fame admits having made a good cleanup on the stock market on news that leaked from official sources in Washington regarding President Wilson's peace note Tom usually knows what to do in such an emergency

Better bank what is left of that Christmas bonus They may not be so plentiful next Christmas

From Villa's point of view the practical annihilation of a force of 1,200 of Carranza's soldiers was an appropriate method of celebrating Christmas

The employes of an anthracite coal mining company received a haircut as a Christmas present That was better than missing a cut in wages by a close shave

Uniontown stakeholders might find the German capital a desirable place of residence just now Berliners are wagering heavy bets that the war will be over before August

A treaty has been concluded between Germany and Holland whereby the former is to get a supply of eggs from the latter What is Egg King Wetz going to do about it?

The reasons given for the Kaiser seeking peace run the whole range of probabilities from being Afraid to Fight Longer to Playing for Time to Fight Fiercer

A French soldier has slept for 4 months Not at the front but in the barracks at Bordeaux

War conditions in Eastern Europe are making the cigaret manufacturers of the world smoke up the price when it comes to buying their stocks

The operation of the Food and Drug Act shows that the manufacturers are finding that it pays to be honest even when inclined to be different

The peace situation in Europe is beginning to resemble a checker game with several of the players reminding each other It's your move

The coal boom in Somerset county revives Casselman's hopes of being restored to its place on the main line on the Baltimore & Ohio schedule

The bars to the farm movement has not shown very largely in the census returns which indicate a steady growth in the urban population

What percent do friends of national prohibition see in that Senate committee vote of 13 to 3?

Maintaining Equitable Relationship

The ... Bulletin

The frequent readjustments of the wage scale of the coke workers including the two increases and the third increases given to indicate ... the ... disposition upon the part of the Frick company and other operators to maintain an equitable relation between market prices and labor's share When ever industrial conditions have justified an advance it appears to have been forthcoming—and herein in all probability is to be found the reason for the good feeling which has been maintained throughout the years in the Connellsville region

... has been built up a confidence among the men that they would be ... fairly that they would be given an equitable share of the proceeds resulting from their labor

Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 1886.

Mutual concession averts the threatened strike of the coke workers the operators and the men deciding a joint conference to compromise their differences

Henry Shaw and wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day

Ohio Slim a tramp of some celebrity in this section is struck by a train and killed in Washington county

Frank P Lyons and Miss Lettie A Collins are married the ceremony being performed by Rev J C High

Mrs R C Morgan is presented with a crayon portrait of herself by the artist Joseph Dixon now studying in New York

John Lannon Baltimore & Ohio brakeman of Connellsville has his right arm badly crushed while coupling cars

Main street people demand of council that the limestone boulders recently placed there be broken up in proper shape or removed

Harry Schroyer Baltimore & Ohio brakeman falls under a freight train and is cut to pieces

Ice skating is being revived again though the Yough has not presented a good skating surface for some ten years An artificial rink is suggested

Rev R B Mansell and wife are surprised on the occasion of their crystal wedding anniversary by 50 friends who leave presents and good wishes

The William F Kurtz Post No 104 G A R members plan to exhibit a panorama of Grant's trip around the world in the opera house

Christmas is celebrated in a quiet way special events being the church services and cantatas theatrical performances and a dance The merchants report a big holiday trade

The 33rd annual Institute of the teachers of Fayette county comes to a close at Uniontown after an interesting and instructive session at which Nathan C Schaeffer is the principal speaker

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1897.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday December 26 shows a total of 18,351 ovens in the region of which 9,684 are in blast and 8,667 idle with an estimated production of 94,752 tons

Shipments for the week aggregated 415 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 2,700 cars to points West 2,62 cars to points East 753 cars a decrease of 78 cars from the previous week

It is ... that speakeasies are ... along the ... road

Joseph D Weeks noted coke authority dies of apoplexy at his home in Pittsburg

Rev Father John T Burns formerly of New Lisbon assumes the pastorate of the Immaculate Conception Church recently made vacant by the death of Rev ... McCourt

The Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company is sued by the borough of Connellsville for violation of the town ordinance requiring watchmen at railroad street crossings

David P Brown of New Haven wins a first prize for the proper solution of a mining problem in a contest conducted by the Colliery Engineer

George W Shaw 70 years old a veteran of the Mexican war dies at his home on Pulaski street

The sale of skates at Connellsville stores is said to be enormous though the cheapest pairs are priced at the unusually high figure of 40 cents

A concert is given by the Connellsville Military Band at Mount Pleasant John Kiefer's cornet solo is pronounced the hit with his cornet solo

Connellsville people celebrate Christmas principally at the family fireside though the church services are largely attended and about 1,200 young people partake in the sport of ice skating on the frozen Yough

The tonsorial artists of town organize the Connellsville Barbers Association electing S H Voltz president Tony P ... secretary and Frank L ... treasurer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1907

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday December 29 shows a total of 24,139 ovens in the region of which ... 631 are in blast and 1,081 idle with an estimated production of ... tons

Shipments for the week aggregated 5,1... cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg ... cars to points West ... to points East, 1,602 cars a decrease of ...014 from the previous week

J A Child superintendent for the H C Frick Coke Company at Adelaide severs his connection with that company in order to engage in the lumber business

The McFarland Lumber Company is reorganized with W J McFarland and J T ... of Connellsville and J R Stauffer and George Stauffer of Scottdale as officers when J R Stauffer purchases the ... holdings in the company

J A Thompson sells his coal lands in Muddy Creek Greene county for more than $100,000

John H Fisbeck and Edward Mc... of Connellsville purchase the Pennsylvania Hotel at Brownsville

Billie Hornick Pittsburg & Lake Erie yards ... position of yardmaster at Youngstown ... railroad

Miss Margaret Shand teacher in the ... is the bride of ... Baltimore & Ohio dispatcher

The New Year celebration is noisy with ... shots music by the Connellsville Military Band and general din ... 1907

More than ... newsboys are entertained at the annual dinner given ... W C T U Mrs ... are in charge and ... Mrs J P Wiley, Burgess ... Mrs W A Edie ...

... announced of Miss ... to Rev ... pastor of the First ... Church

Miss ... of South Connellsville wins ... in the guessing contest ... Furniture Company

The ... anniversary of Mr and Mrs Allen Hurst is celebrated with a ... at ... Hotel

Over ... attend the opening ... held at the Y M C A Gym ... guests and music by ... Hood's orchestra are the chief attractions

Harry ... employed at the Baltimore & Ohio's ... office and Miss Anna ... of Saginaw Mich are married in Pittsburg

J ... superintendent of the ... of the H C Frick Coke Company resigns his position to go with the Pittsburg ... Company

Colonel ... Jenkins ... for Philadelphia ... members of the State Armory Board in regard to the ... for an armory in Connellsville

... is ... elected record keeper of the ... of the Maccabees

Senator W E Crow ... a bill ... providing for a separate Orphans' Court in Fayette county

J C ... Baltimore & Ohio brakeman living in Connellsville is killed under ... at ... Westmoreland county

The Connellsville Military Band members are mustered into the Tenth Regiment the organization having recently been made the regimental band

HUGE ENGINES PLOW THROUGH A CABOOSE; 3 TRAINMEN INJURED

Have Narrow Escape in a Wreck on the Hill Near Philson.

THREE CARS ARE SPLINTERED

Head Engine Breaks Loose, Setting Emergency Brakes on the Train, Into Which the Two Helpers Plow; Caboose Stove Sets Wreckage Afire.

When an engine at the head of a Baltimore & Ohio freight train broke loose from the train at Roddies Sag, near Philson, at 5.30 o'clock Monday evening, the brakes locked and two engines at the rear had crashed through the caboose and two cars. Three men had a narrow escape from death and as it was suffered painful injuries.

THE INJURED

WILLIAM U. SELLERS, Green street, Connellsville; hip and back injured, bruised about head and body.

F. M. DURF, Water street, Connellsville; bruised about head and body.

J. WILLIS MITCHELL, Confluence; arm badly smashed, head and body bruised.

All of the injured men were taken to the Western Maryland Hospital at Cumberland where their injuries were dressed. Mr. Mitchell was not able to leave, although the other two men were brought to their homes here this morning.

When the brakes locked on the whole train after the first engine had torn loose, the two pushing engines smashed through the three rear cars of the train as though they were pasteboard. The wreckage immediately took fire from the stove in the caboose and the occupants, all badly bruised, had to crawl through the flames to safety. A long sliver of wood tore off Mr. Sellers' vest and penetrated his body. Mr. Sellers was conductor of the train. The other injured men were brakemen.

The accident occurred at the same spot where No. 6 was wrecked and burned some years ago in which accident Engineer "Katy" Collins and his fireman were killed.

Passenger train No. 5, due here at 7.40 P. M., was detoured over the Western Maryland railroad to Sand Patch.

TURKEYS ARE HIGH

One Dealer Negotiates a Corner, Charging 40 Cents a Pound.

Christmas turkeys sold at record high prices on Saturday night. The dealers had not secured a large supply of the holiday fowl and when the rush of buyers starte diate in the evening, the prices mounted skyward. One butcher, finding that he was practically the only one in town with and turkeys left, raised his birds to 40 cents a pound, live. Those who had postponed buying turkeys until the last minute were indignant when they were informed of the price they would have to pay.

It even became necessary to call the police, when an old friend of the butcher protested against the holdup. The man could not believe that he had heard the butcher aright when he was informed of the price of turkeys. He became rather insistent that the butcher put a lower figure on his fowls and the police were called. The cops quieted the men down, and the price of turkeys remained at 40 cents a pound, live.

MANY ARRESTS

Police Kept Busy at Christmastime; No Turkey at Lockup.

The police were kept busy at this Christmas season. There were 25 prisoners on Sunday morning, seven Monday, and eight Tuesday morning. Fines received at the Sunday morning session of police court amounted to $49.25, and made a nice Christmas present for the city. After these fines had been collected, Mayor R. Marietta released all the prisoners after giving them a little talk about Christmas.

On Christmas day no one was released and there was no special dinner for the inmates of the cells. Chief Rottler felt that none of the prisoners was worthy of such consideration and they got buns for dinner instead of turkey.

GIVEN HIGH HONOR

Louis Hetzel, Home for Holidays, Is Elected to Exclusive Club.

Louis Hetzel of Denver, who is visiting his mother, Mrs. Maggie Hetzel over the holidays, has been honored by being selected as a member of the Denver Rotary Club. This embraces but one man from every line of business in the city and it is a signal honor to be chosen for membership. Mr. Hetzel is general sales managed for the Aluminum Company of America in the Denver territory.

Fred Hetzel, a student at Columbia University, was also home for Christmas. Mrs. Hetzel and her two sons spent Christmas at Rockwood as the guests of Mrs. Bert Young, formerly Miss Lena Hetzel.

SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Two Choirs Follow Old Custom Early Christmas Morning.

Singers from the First Baptist and United Brethren churches this year again followed their beautiful custom of rendering carols early Christmas morning before the homes o members of their congregations and friends.

The two choirs started on their trips late Sunday night. The United Brethren singers were in two automobiles. The sound of the familiar old hymns in the stillness of the night was charming, and the singing was much appreciated.

The Grim Reaper

"AUNT JANE" BARNETTE.

Miss Jane Barnette, 87 years and six months old, died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Castle Shannon, Pittsburg, Sunday, December 24, at 5.30 P. M. She was a daughter of William and Frances Hatfield Barnette, life long residents of Connellsville, and was the last of a family of 10 children.

For many years she lived in Connellsville, and was highly esteemed and respected by a wide circle of friends who loved her for her cheery disposition and kindly manner. She was familiarly known to almost everyone in the city as "Aunt Jane" Barnette.

The body arrived on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 6 on Tuesday and was taken to the home of her niece, Mrs. Walter W. Haines on East Cedar avenue.

Funeral services from the First Baptist Church, of which deceased was a faithful member, Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock with interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

The only near relatives surviving Miss Barnette in Connellsville in addition to Mrs. Haines, are two other nieces, Mrs. Samuel Cox and Mrs. Lester Etter. She was a sister of the late William E. Barnette and Mrs. Lydia Stetson.

JOSEPH T. CROSSLAND.

Joseph T. Crossland, 67 years old, constable of the Fourth ward for many years, died Sunday morning at his home in East Main street. Mr. Crossland had been in poor health for some time and a year ago Sunday he returned from the Cottage State Hospital where he underwent an operation in hopes of regaining his health. He had been confined to his home for about three weeks previous to his death. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence with Rev. Wilbur Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Many relatives and friends of the deceased attended. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery. Mr. Crossland was born in Bullskin township, spending his early days in the township. He was a son of the late Richard and Eliza Crossland. Joseph T. Crossland was married over 40 years ago to Miss Catherine Means, who with the following children survive: Mrs. James B. Woods, Mrs. S. A. Moser of Connellsville; Mrs. D. C. Lamphear of West Newton and Virginia Crossland at home. The following brothers and sisters, Eli Crossland of Latrobe; Painter Crossland and Montgomery Crossland of Bullskin township; George Crossland of Mount Pleasant; James Crossland, Uniontown; Charles Crossland, Mount Braddock; Christopher Crossland, Connellsville; Mrs. William Means of Vanderbilt; Mrs. Anna Kelley of Iron Bridge; Mrs. Norman Washabaugh of near Mount Pleasant and seven grandchildren also survive. In politics Mr. Crossland was a Democrat. At one time he served as deputy sheriff when S. E. Frock of Uniontown was sheriff. For many years he served continuously as constable in the Fourth ward and was widely and favorably known throughout Fayette county.

P. HARRY WHIPKEY.

P. Harry Whipkey, 29 years old, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad brakeman, died Sunday at noon at his home in East North Alley following a lingering illness of diabetes. Mr. Whipkey had been in poor health for about three years, but was able to be about up until last Thursday. He had been unable to work for about a year. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist Episcopal Church with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, of which Mr. Whipkey was a member, in charge. Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor, officiated. There were a number of handsome floral tributes.

Mr. Whipkey was born at Morgan, June 22, 1887, a son of Henry Whipkey, deceased, and Mrs. Eliza A. Whipkey. He had been in the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for about 15 years, beginning as a messenger boy. At one time he was an extra conductor. Deceased was a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and of the Eagles. He was unmarried and resided with his mother. In addition to his mother he is survived by four brothers, Charles Whipkey of Pittsburg; John, Robert and Clyde, all of Connellsville.

PATRICK GREANEY.

Patrick Greaney of Chicago, a brother of Rev. Father J. J. Greaney of Leisenring, was killed Saturday. A telegram received by Rev. Father Greaney gave no details of the nature of the accident. Mr. Greaney for about two years made his home with his brother, Rev. Father Greaney, leaving Leisenring about three years ago for Chicago, where he was employed in a railroad freight office. Rev. Father Greaney left for Chicago to attend the funeral.

ANNA ELIZABETH M'GINNIS.

Anna Elizabeth McGinnis, four years old, only daughter of Postmaster William D. and Elizabeth DeMuth McGinnis, died Sunday morning about 11.30 o'clock at the family residence in 109 East Washington avenue following a few weeks' illness of typhoid pneumonia. The child and her brother, William, 6 years old, were stricken with typhoid fever about the same time. Later Anna Elizabeth contracted pneumonia which resulted in her death. At first her condition was very critical. However, she rallied and was apparently getting along very nicely. Sunday morning she suffered a sinking spell from which she never rallied. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 10.30 o'clock from the McGinnis home. Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery. William McGinnis is convalescing.

MRS. FLORA BELLE KERBER.

Mrs. Flora Belle Cochran Kerber, 62 years old, died early Sunday morning at her home in North Sixth street, West Side. Although she had been in poor health for some time, her death was unexpected. She was able to be about up until Saturday night, when she complained of being unusually weak. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence, with Rev. P. T. Conway of Fairchance officiating. Interment in Cochran cemetery, Dawson.

Mrs. Kerber was born near Broad Ford, November 20, 1854, a daughter of the late Sample and Caroline Strickler Cochran. About 35 years ago she came to the West Side to reside with her parents. In 1885 she was married to Frank H. Kerber, and virtually all of their married life was spent at Greenock, Pa. Mr. Kerber died a number of years ago, and following his death, Mrs. Kerber with her two children returned to the West Side to reside with her parents. Following their death she and her children continued to live at the Cochran home in North Sixth street. In addition to her two children, Mrs. Stella M., and Miss Verna V. Kerber, at home, she is survived by three brothers, F. P. and M. B. Cochran of Connellsville, and John S. Cochran of near Dawson. Deceased was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

JOHN W. TOWNSEND.

John W. Townsend, 80 years old, well known in and around Perryopolis, died Sunday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Carson. The funeral was held Wednesday at 10.30 from the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. W. J. Law officiating. Mr. Townsend was a lifelong resident of Perry township. He was born on October 10, 1836. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss McFadden, to whom were born the following children: J. F. Townsend of Perryopolis; Mrs. Nettie Ray of Scottdale, and George Townsend, deceased. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth Hixenbaugh, who died in 1898. Four daughters were born to this union: Mrs. Ethel Carson, Mrs. Elsie Davidson and Mrs. Edith Herwick, all of Perryopolis, and Mrs. Edna Keener of Monessen. In addition to his children, Mr. Townsend is survived by two brothers, Aaron Townsend of Illinois and Harry Townsend of Ohio, together with a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Strickler of Scottdale. He also leaves 19 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

REV. JOHN P. HILL.

The body of Rev. John P. Hill, who died Saturday morning at Markleton was shipped to Canonsburg for interment on Wednesday by Funeral Director J. E. Sims. A son, Rev. J. B. Hill of Brookline, formerly of Dunbar, came here to make arrangements for the burial.

JOHN A. BUTTERMORE.

John Andrew Buttermore, 65 years old, a lifelong resident of Fayette county, died Sunday of paralysis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ellis Hillsberry at Leith, with whom he had made his home for three years. In 1914 he was stricken with paralysis and on October 22 last he suffered a second stroke. Since then he had been confined to his bed.

Mr. Buttermore was born in Connellsville November 10, 1851 a son of John and Mary Wilt Buttermore. He was educated in the Connellsville township schools. In 1869 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Stillwagon and to the union six children were born, five surviving as follows: Otis V. Buttermore and Mrs. Ellis Hillsberry of Uniontown, Mrs. A. R. Bowen and Mrs. Edward Kunkle of Johnstown, Mrs. H. O. Baum of Lock Haven, and Mrs. O. A. Rosenweich Buttermore. His second wife and one brother, William Buttermore, of Connellsville, also survive. Deceased was a brother of Provance M. Buttermore of the West Side, who died a few weeks ago.

THOMAS ALDERSON.

Thomas Alderson, 55 years old, died at 8.45 this morning at his home at Wheeler. Mr. Alderson was operated on last June in a Pittsburg hospital, and never fully recovered. He was born on June 30, 1861, at Stennymore, county of Durham, England, and had lived in the vicinity of Connellsville for the past 30 years. In addition to his widow, Mrs. Frances Alderson, he is survived by the following daughters: Mrs. Charles Lincoln, Dunbar; Mrs. Louise Campbell, Connellsville; Mrs. James Moody, Dunbar; Mrs. David Echard, Barberton, O.; Mrs. Adam Fogle and Mrs. A. N. Minerd, Wheeler, and Miss Hannah Alderson, at home.

DR. JOSEPH H. McKEE.

Dr. Joseph H. McKee, a native of Franklin township, died Monday afternoon at his home at Carnegie. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, with interment in Chartiers cemetery, Carnegie. Dr. McKee is survived by his widow, one son, Harry McKee, and the following brothers and sisters: Rev. Daniel H. McKee of Wilkinsburg, Rev. C. L. McKee of Washington, Pa.; Rev. William F. McKee of Monongahela, and J. S. McKee of Ada, O., formerly of Connellsville; Mrs. Anna Blair and Miss Mary E. McKee of Perryopolis, and Mrs. James Hazen of Smock.

JOHN KEFFER.

John Keffer was found dead at the city hall here at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, Patrolman Daugherty discovering his body. The body was removed to the establishment of Undetaker J. E. Sims, and Coroner S. H. Baum of Uniontown was notified. Deceased was 43 years old, and had lived here practically all his life. He was a son of Mrs. Mary J. Keffer, and is survived by four brothers, J. Porter Keffer, a hotel keeper at Bridgeport; G. W. Keffer of Connellsville, and Robert and Adam Keffer, both of South Connellsville.

MISS MINNIE HORN.

Miss Minnie Horn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Horn of 600 Eleanor avenue, Scottdale, died Monday morning. She is survived by her parents, three sisters, Misses Annie and Margaret Horn and Mrs. James J. Keegan, and five brothers, James, Joseph, Frank, John and Peter Horn. The funeral was held Wednesday morning with requiem high mass at St. John's Roman Catholic Church at 10 o'clock. Interment in St. John's cemetery.

FRANCES E. SWEENEY.

Frances Elizabeth Sweeney, two years old, daughter of Harry and Clara Sweger Sweeney, died Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock at the family residence in 512 East Green street following a brief illness. Friday night she was taken suddenly ill of appendicitis and later peritonitis developed, death following soon afterwards. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, with interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

MRS. JANET RAMSAY.

Mrs. Janet Ramsay of Greensburg, widow of Robert Ramsay, died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Kelley in Big Stone Gap, Va. The body will be brought to Greensburg for interment. Deceased was the mother of John A. Ramsay, superintendent of the United coke plant.

MRS. MARY HIXON WARD.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hixon Ward, 73 years old, died Saturday afternoon at the home of her son, Elmer H. Ward in Brownsville.

EDWARD KNIPPLE.

Edward Knipple, 43 years old, died very suddenly at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in Youngstown, O. The body was brought to Scottdale Saturday afternoon. Mr. Knipple is survived by his mother, a wife and two children, one son being with the troops at the Mexican border, and by two brothers, Howard of Pittsburg, and C. B. of Scottdale. He was buried from the home of his mother on Sunday at 2.30 with Rev. I. E. Runk of the United Brethren Church officiating. Interment in the Alverton cemetery.

MRS. LYDE HUGHES.

Mrs. Lyde Hughes 67 years old, a resident of Dunbar for a number of years, died Friday afternoon at her home following a lingering illness. Deceased was born near Cheat Haven, Monongalia county, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Jaynes. Deceased was the widow of James Hughes, who died at Dunbar a number of years ago. She is survived by two sons, Charles Hughes at home, Frank Hughes, one daughter, Mrs. Delia Foust, both of Dunbar and the following brothers and sisters: George Jaynes of Pittsburg, Cornelius Jaynes, Mrs. Alice Kerr, Mrs. Frank Kincell and Mrs. Laura Jaynes of Greenwood; Mrs. Loraine West of Brownfield, and Mrs. Louise Bryte of Cleveland, O.

ROBERT JUNK.

The funeral of Robert Junk was held Friday afternoon from the family residence in North Union township, relatives and friends of the deceased from all over the township and more distant points attending. Rev. Meyers, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Laurel Hill, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. Maurice Rubin of Pittsburg, Rev. Duncan, pastor of the Mount Hope Presbyterian Church in Washington county, and Rev. J. B. Reed of Uniontown, a retired Presbyterian minister officiated. Robert Bryson, William Bryson, Arthur Junk, William Junk, grandsons of the deceased, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Emery, grand sons-in-law, served as pallbearers. Interment in Laurel Hill cemetery. Deceased was great uncle of Dr. J. L. Junk of Connellsville.

ROSS S. BALSLEY.

Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated at the funeral of Ross S. Balsley held Friday afternoon from the family residence near Coalbrook. The services were impressive and were largely attended. There were a number of pretty floral tributes. The following veterans of the Civil War served as pallbearers: J. E. Jones, William Artis, L. W. Wolfe, Irvin Giles, C. H. Whiteley and Clark Collins. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

MRS. JOSEPH MEGOGHENY.

Mrs. Joseph Megoghney, a sister of Mrs. George Powell of North Pittsburg street, died Friday morning at her home at Elizabeth, Pa. Deceased is survived by her husband, two sons and four daughters.

REV. JOHN S. HILL.

Rev. John S. Hill, about 82 years old, one of the oldest retired Presbyterian ministers of the Pittsburg Presbytery, died Saturday morning at 2 o'clock at the Markleton sanatorium following a lingering illness. The body was shipped to Cannonsburg for interment. Rev. Hill, for many years was pastor of the Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church at Cannonsburg, retiring from the ministry at about the age of 75 years. Mrs. Hill died some time ago. Rev. Hill officiated at the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Proudfit, Mrs. Proudfit being a member of his church for a number of years. He is survived by the following children: Rev. J. B. Hill of Brookville, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Dunbar; Dr. Samuel Hill of the Pennsylvania State Insane Asylum at Warrenville; Fred Hill of New York and Mrs. Jessie Craig of Pittsburg.

AMZI MORROW.

Amzi Morrow, 58 years old, a former well known resident of Banning, died Wednesday evening at his home in Canton, O. Mr. Morrow was well known in Fayette and Westmoreland counties, having resided in this section up until his removal to Canton. He was born December 20, 1858 and followed the nursery business for a number of years. Thirty-four years ago Mr. Morrow was married to Mary M. Cochran. To the union the following children were born: Wade H. Morrow of Perryopolis; Mrs. H. C. Byers of Canton, O.; Cash H. Morrow of Banning, and Ralph C. Morrow at home.

In addition to his widow and children, Mr. Morrow is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: James Morrow, Clark Morrow, Albert Morrow, Mrs. L. Rowe, Mrs. J. S. Newcomer, Mrs. James Hough, Mrs. John Buttermore and Mrs. George Hepler and his father, Jeremiah Morrow of near Smithton, who is 86 years old. Funeral services were held from the family residence Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

MISS MARY HOPKINS.

While preparing Christmas decorations at her home, Miss Mary Hopkins of Uniontown, 27 years old, was stricken with a hemorrhage and died shortly afterwards. Miss Hopkins for 10 years was employed as office assistant for Attorneys A. P. Austin, Thomas H. Hudson and J. S. Christy, and for the past three years served as a clerk for Judge J. C. Work of the orphans' court.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

William Campbell, and aged resident of Brownsville, died yesterday morning in the Brownsville General Hospital from burns suffered Tuesday when he fell from a chair into an open grate in his home. Deceased was a brother of Matthew Campbell of this city.

MRS. FUMIAN STASIA.

Mrs. Fumian Stasia, 72 years old, died Thursday morning at her home at Mount Braddock. Funeral Friday afternoon from St. Rita's Catholic Church in the West Side, with Rev. Father Henry DeVivo officiating. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery. Deceased was a widow and is survived by one son.

MRS SADIE WEIMER.

Mrs. Sadie Weimer, 23 years old, wife of Merle C. Weimer, died Thursday afternoon at her home on corner of Vine and Pittsburg street, South Connellsville. Mrs. Weimer's maiden name was Miss Sadie Bowlby. She is survived by her husband, one small son, Clifford Weimer her mother, one sister, Miss Nannie Bowlby, and a stepbrother, Frank Brookman, all of Cumberland.

GOES TO REFORMATORY

Youth Who Robbed Railroad Station Here Sent Away by Court.

Larry Hoffman, 22 years old, of Greensburg, who was caught robbing telephone pay stations in the Pennsylvania railroad station here on December 9, pleaded guilty in court Tuesday morning on three counts of breaking and entering and six counts of larceny and was committed to the Pennsylvania Reformatory at Huntingdon at his own request.

Hoffman confessed breaking into the Pennsylvania railroad station in Connellsville and robbing the telephone booths on three occasions. He also admitted robbing the Pittsburg & Lake Erie station at Bellevernon. His thefts and damage done to tlephone booths and other property caused a loss estimated at about $400.

Frank James, 22, of Connellsville, was adopted by Frank Weimer, his stepfather, court approving the motion to that effect by Attorney F. E. Younkin.

CROWELL-MOORE

Well Known Dawson Man Marries a Cleveland Nurse.

The marriage of Miss Beulah Grace Crowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Crowell of Cleveland, and George Earle Moore of Dawson, was solemnized in Cleveland Monday. The young couple will reside in Dawson after their return from a honeymoon trip. Mr. Moore is a bookkeeper for the Washington Coal & Coke Company. Mrs. Moore formerly lived at Dawson, where her father taught school many years ago.

The Crowells moved from Dawson to Versailles and then to Cleveland. The family is well known among the older Dawson residents.

GO TO CONVENTION.

Superintendents and Principals to Attend Educational Sessions.

R. K. Smith of Dawson, supervising principal of the Dunbar township schools, J. M. Glass, of Dawson, C. H. Cuppett of Bellevernon, T. H. Means of Perry, Edward Hamer and Edward Brenkwell both of Fayette City, left on Tuesday for Harrisburg to attend the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which convenes this evening in that city.

Superintendent S. P. Ashe and Principal B. B. Smith of the city schools will also attend the convention.

Marry in Cumberland.

Miss Bessie May Nowell and William Keefer, a well known young couple of Dawson, were married Saturday in Cumberland. William Franklin Day and Saline Jane Largent of Meyersdale, took out a marriage license to wed in the same city.

Girl at Brill Home.

Word has been received here of the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brill in Kingmont, W. Va. The family is now composed of a boy and a girl. Mrs. Brill was formerly Miss Grace Stillwagon of Connellsville.

Daughter is Born.

A daughter, who has been named Elizabeth, was born Christmas morning to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stairs of Davidson avenue and Vine street. The little girl is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bettler of the South Side.

Ship 1917 Auto Tags.

The State Highway Department Friday shipped out 40 tons of automobile and motorcycle license tags for 1917. They went from Harrisburg by parcel post.

J. S. Black Dies.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Jeremiah S. Black, prominent in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania, died at Johns Hopkins hospital today.

XMAS BUSINESS BREAKS RECORDS

Merchants Declare Buying This Year Has Been Greatest in Their History; Big Sum Is Spent.

The biggest Christmas business in the history of Connellsville, was the general verdict of merchants for the selling period ended on Saturday night. Saturday itself smashed all records for one day's sales, the amount of money that was expended exceeding the expectations of the most sanguine. Proprietors and employes alike were glad when their doors closed at 10 o'clock Saturday night. It had been the most strenuous day they had ever experienced.

The stores were virtually "cleaned out" when Christmas came. People had bought up almost everything desirable to be had. Never before were such expensive gifts purchased, clerks say, money being plentiful and the people generous with what they had.

Candy sales established a record that probably will never be equalled again. The cheaper grades of confections were scarce and the higher priced boxed candy was bought by many who previously depended upon the loose mixtures for their Christmas supply. The number of "five pounds" sent out was amazing.

SUMMON MANY

Witnesses Subpoenaed for Trial of J. V. Thompson at Pittsburg.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 27.—An echo of the failure of the First National Bank of Uniontown and the subsequent indictment of its president, Josiah V. Thompson, in the United States District Court, on charges of misapplication was felt in this city yesterday when subpoenas were served to 23 persons to appear in the United States District Court in Pittsburg on January 8. The subpoenas were served by Deputy United States Marshal Thomas F. Campbell.

According to the subpoenas, January 8 is the date set for the trial of the indicted banker. Subpoenas were served on the following persons in this city by Deputy Campbell: Virginia Marshall, W. S. Craft, Thomas D. Bailes, G. P. Powell, John Ellsworth Hess, T. B. Seamans, T. B. Bliss, Mrs. Catherine Jackson, Charles T. Cramer, W. B. Beeson, William Hunt, E. S. Hackney, T. M. Seamans, Jr., J. H. Strawn, James C. Whaley, T. P. Palmer, S. J. Feather, John Galica, Jasper Augustine, John D. Douglas, J. M. Busted, W. M. Thompson, and Ewing Townsend. Subpoenas were served also on Susan Sellers of Pittsburg, and Sherill Smith of Chicago.

BOLD HOLDUP FAILS

Woman's Screams Attract Attention of Occupants of Passing Automobile.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 27.—While walking out the road from Standard after missing the last car on Saturday night, Frank Seforak and his fiancee were confronted by a negro and two white men. The negro ordered Seforak to throw up his hands, brandishing a revolver.

Seforak told the men there was some mistake but the negro told him his time had come and one of the white men interrupted with the statement that too much time had been wasted already, that it was time to shoot. Seforak was told to "beat it" but he asked permission to take his companion along. He was told that they intended to look after the young woman. Just then an automobile came along and the girl's screams attracted the attention of the occupants. The three men quickly fled.

Segorak says he could not identify the white men but thinks he could easily recognize the negro.

STORE IS SWAMPED

Resourceful Manager at Standard Sees That Everybody Gets a Treat.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 27.—Close to 4,000 persons presented themselves at the Union Supply store at Standard works on Monday for the annual Christmas treat. Manager D. M. Pigman had secured 2,500 boxes of candy as in previous years, but these were soon exhausted and the crowd seemed as big as ever. Mr. Pigman met the situation by giving tobies to the men and boxes of zig-zag to the children. Still everyone had not gotten a treat so boxes of oranges were opened and finally a barrel of apples was secured, so that no person left without something.

The Standard band furnished music while the distribution was going on.

BACK TO THE MINES.

Ex-Burgess of Uniontown Prefers Coal Digging to the Law.

R. D. Warman, for two terms burgess of Uniontown and an attorney at the Fayette county bar for the past 14 years, has gone "back to the mines." He will begin digging coal at Revere on Friday.

Warman has been for a long time a picturesque figure in Uniontown politics. His early manhood was spent in the mines, and by self-denial he saved sufficient to qualify as an attorney.

Licensed to Wed.

Walter Emil Sonner of Greensburg and Bertha May Stoner of Tarr; Clarence Hanson and Bertha Menges, both of Fairchance, were granted marriage license in Cumberland Tuesday.

Is Painfully Hurt.

While hanging curtains at her home on Chestnut street Saturday evening, Mrs. Edgar B. Small fell from a sewing machine on which she was standing and suffered a broken leg.

Given an Umbrella.

Miss Mary Tipping, forelady for Overholt & Company at Broad Ford, was presented with a handsome silk umbrella, Saturday afternoon, by the girl employes of the company.

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6 BIRDS KILLED, MUCH CASH LOST, AT COCK FIGHT

Sports Stage Big Main in Connellsville Township Christmas.

THE FAVORITE IS SLAUGHTERED

Local Investors See Visitors Cop the Coin When Big Black Bird Is Laid Low; Fifteen Bouts Are Put On Before an Audience of About 175.

The biggest cock fight staged in the county in years is said to have been pulled off Monday afternoon in Connellsville township, not far from the garbage furnace. There was an attendance of some 175 when the main started, but this number was somewhat diminished when quite a delegation left in disgust before the program of 15 fights hand been staged.

"It was too brutal," one man said, who didn't remain for the finish. In all six birds were killed.

The cock fight had been well advertised in sporting circles, with the result that everybody who is anybody in society where wagers are most popular was on hand. There were birds from Connellsville, Uniontown, Broad Ford, Dry Hill, Meyersdale and other points. The out-of-town warriors are said to have been taken through town in specially constructed wooden pens made to imitate suit cases. It was not an entirely satisfactory day for Connellsville. A big black game cock, touted as the favorite, carried most of the local coin. Unfortunately for his backers, he was laid low by his opponent, with the result that other parts of the county has more money in circulation today than would have been the case had the outcome been different.

Admission to the main was a dollar a head, which included refreshments. Announcement was made of another fight, at a date "in January." The next one, it was stated, would be staged at night. The promoters of yesterday's affair, it is understood, figured it could be held without interference, as the officers of the law were expected to be too busy with turkey dinners and other innocent holiday pleasures to break things up.

UNCONSCIOUS ON ROAD

Mystery Surrounds Case of Girl Thought to Have Been Drugged.

Found on the side of the road near Merrittstown about 9 o'clock Sunday night, Miss Katherine Miller, 18, has so far failed to regain consciousness and is apparently under the influence of some drug. Mike Leonardi, 19, and Martz Maraney, 20, who conduct a taxicab service at Republic, have been arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the matter.

The youths say they were summoned by Miss Miller to take her from Merrittstown to the car stop at Republic. On the way, they declare, two Italians boarded the machine and asked to be taken to Tower Hill No. 2. They said the girl consented to have them to the latter place and then continue to Republic. When they arrived at their destination, they declare, the girl was missing.

HAVE HIRED HUGHES

His Law Firm is Doing Legal Work for Local Silk Company.

The law firm of which Charles Evans Hughes is now a member is doing the legal work attendant upon the establishment of the Special Silk Company's plant here. A. A. Hermann, promoter of the industry, told local business men during his visit to this city last week. The Republican Presidential candidate's signature will appear upon many of the papers drawn up in connection with the industry.

Mr Hermann came here to inspect the mill building which is now being completed on the West Side. He expressed himself as pleased with the progress and stated that he would like to get going by February 15, at the latest. Like every other purchaser of machinery, the Specialty Silk Company is awaiting the arrival of long delayed mechanical equipment.

GETS A BOOKCASE

Rev. J. L. Proudfit Receives Gift From W. A. Edie Bible Class.

The Christmas gift of the W. A. Edie Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church to Rev. J. L. Proudfit, its teacher, was a handsome bookcase. It was presented on Saturday.

There were 151 men in this class on Sunday, the attendance having dropped off from the Sunday before on account of the absence from town of many members who had "gone home for Christmas." The contest between Red and Blue teams will end next Sunday.

Daniel C. Hood, 93 years old, has not missed attendance at the class's sessions since the contest started.

AGED WOMAN ILL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walton and Mrs. Sara Cropp Failing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walton, 95 years old, is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Duggan, at the Columbia Hotel, West Side. Mrs. Walton suffered a sinking spell on Tuesday and was unconscious this afternoon about 1 o'clock. If she lives until February 17 she will be 96 years old.

Mrs. Sara Cropp, 84 years old, formerly of Dunbar township, is seriously ill at the home of he daughter, Mrs. T. J. Hooper in North Sixth street, West Side.

Stork Leaves Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis of 318 North Pittsburg street, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter

AMERICANS DOING AMBULANCE DUTY GET EXCITEMENT

Interesting Letter Tells of Experiences on the French Front.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED BADLY

Men are Under Fire Some of the Time and Say the Germans Seem to Like to Make Targets Out of the Hospital Tents; Gifts Reach the Front.

An interesting letter describing the experiences of the American volunteers who have formed an ambulance section for the French army is written by Philip Mills, a member of the corps, to Eliot Norton, a New York attorney whose brother, Philip Norton, has charge of one of the corps.

The letter is of especial interest in that it describes the enthusiasm of the French soldiers upon receipt of gifts sent them from America. The letter follows:

"Dear Eliot:—

"Since I haven't had an opportunity of meeting you for some time I will write you our news!

"We have received the word of the twenty new men on the way out to join The American Red Cross and as we have the ambulances all ready for them the new section under the command of our 'Chief,' your brother, will be prepared to take over their work with another French Army Division as soon as the men arrive 'au front.'

"I believe 'the Chief' is arranging to have the three sections, Harjes's Section, Norton's Section, and the new Section, do all the service for a single Army corps. This will be a great advantage as it will keep us close together and enable us to back each other up in tight places. You see these sections, Harjes' and Norton's, have been in continual service almost since the war started and the authorities now have absolute confidence that we can handle our job and are here to stick; but we need more men and can promise every man who comes out that he will be close enough to the fighting all the time to keep him from imagining he is in America.

"Today we have been having rather a lively time at all of our hospital posts. Of course you know almost every hospital at the front is within range of enemy artillery, but you would expect a hospital marked plainly all over with Red Crosses would be left alone—but, in this war, it seems that a Red Cross is Fritzie's pet target.

"He has been shelling the hospital buildings all afternoon, and we have been helping to move out the wounded to safe places. Poor fellows, it seems as if they ought to get a little rest from being shot at. This isn't a new trick of little Heine's at all and it is one of his mildest pleasantries.

"Some of our new men got their first sensation of working under fire. The Almighty is not altogether on the Bosche's side for he is certainly taking care of ambulance drivers here.

"The weather is and has been vile cold, of a mean piercing quality—rain and mud all over everything. Even the hard metaled roads are inches deep in molasses-like mud, but we are so well off in comparison to the wonderful French soldiers that we should not mention any little discomforts. I wish I could describe their cheerfulness under it all in the trenches.

"To give you a picture of it. Imagine yourself out of doors in a cold Boston winter's night—in a mean rain—and no waterproof; then get a gun and stand in ice water and mud up to your middle with the ever present prospect of a shell landing on you and then only will you begin to get the idea. Pile a few nights and days of the same kind on top of one another and the picture will grow clearer, but it doesn't seem to dampen the French ardor, for every Poilu in the Army knows they have the Hun beaten and it is only a question of time before his squeals will grow louder. For even now the Bosche prisoners coming through every day are all telling the same tale—'we have had enough.'

"We are taking on what we are commencing to carry out with enthusiasm and pleasure, viz: distributing the gifts from America to the French soldiers as they go into the front trenches.

"Before I left home I used to wonder sometimes if the men and women at the Lafayette Dances ever thought much about the fellows who were going to receive the "Lafayette Kits" and under what surroundings the Poilus would finally get them into their hands.

"One day last winter I strayed into one of the central offices of the Lafayette Society in New York and there saw some of the girls who had been dancing the night before, sorting and packing the kits. My pride and confidence in our American women was rewarded, and now it is our opportunity (I wish it was the girls' also) to see and hear the gratitude and thanks with which the soldiers receive their personal gifts from America. They are amazed and elated that the Americans think enough of them to send them gifts.

"The chain is complete from the ballroom to the trenches.

"The American Clearing House at 5 Rue Francois Premier in Paris, was started at the beginning of the war. It is run entirely by Americans and receives all the American gifts of all kinds and starts the distribution and we take the packages from the rail heads to the soldiers and distribute to each battalion in turn.

"Some days ago was our first distribution. Company by company the men filed up to the loaded camions. The French Captain generally made a little speech explaining that these were personal gifts from Americans to them, sent from America, and handed from start to finish by Americans. Could you have only seen them gathered about in a semi-circle, stocky, hardy, well set up, well fed young fellows, serious faced, but with bright, smiling eyes listening in attentive admiration to their captain. Then their expressions of thanks to America as they took their gifts,—candies, sweaters, raincoats, towels, soap, needles, thread socks, underclothing, mufflers, gloves, etc., would have amply repaid any American who ever made a gift to France. It was wonderful.

"It certainly is a great pleasure for Norton's Section to be a link in such a chain and I hope it will be a never ending one for the French are surely doing the fighting for the worth.

"We are also distributing bandages and hospital supplies of all kinds directly to the hospitals and any gifts sent to Richard Norton, S. S. V. No. 7, care American Clearing House, Paris will come on directly where they will be a real benefit."

"We are in this service—every one of us—to be as much help as we can, and any money you can collect for new cars and repair expenses will help us to carry it on.

"Every wounded man for our cars gets a little pillow put under his head as he lies on his stretcher while we slide him into our ambulances, and that pillow stays with him 'till he gets to his bed in the hospital. It helps to make him a little less uncomportable and we have use for all the little pillows any one sends us—and the wounded appreciate them."

ASK BIDS FOR HOSPITAL WORK

Many Improvements Are to Be Made at Cottage State Institution.

After unwinding a lot of red tape, the Cottage State Hospital trustees have at last been assured by the auditor general that he will approve of the disbursement of funds in the possession of the board for the making of $5,000 improvements to the institution. At a recent meeting Secretary R. C. Beerbower was instructed to submit the plans and specifications, prepared nearly a year ago, to builders for estimates. The contract will probably be let at the next meeting of the board.

The improvements, which were suggested by the State Board of Medical Inspection and Licensure, will remedy obvious defects in the hospital, physicians declare, and render it just so much more efficient. The State Board of Medical Inspection and Licensure went after many of the hospitals receiving state aid, in a report submitted about a month ago, threatening to cut off appropriations if radical changes were not made. Uniontown, Mount Pleasant, Butler and other hospitals in Western Pennsylvania were criticised. Connellsville was at that time taking steps to make the changes suggested.

The changes include the following: Construction of an operating ward for what are known as pus patients; part of the space now occupied by the porch to be utilized for this; the establishment of a new X-Ray room and the purchase of modern equipment to replace the obsolete machine now in use; the establishment of a receiving ward for patients; a dressing room for surgeons, and a complete pathological laboratory.

The widening of doors of the wards will be made so that patients may be moved about on their beds. Now it is necessary to take them from their beds, place them on carriages, and then unload them again after conveying them to another part of the institution.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT

B. & O. Man, Formerly Located Here, Has His Neck Broken.

News of the death of Robert Compton in an automobile accident near Oxford, O., several days ago, came as a shock to many friends, deceased having resided in Connellsville while employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad three years ago.

The driver of the car, his wife and Mr. Compton were killed and Mrs. Compton was seriously hurt when the machine overturned while they were driving from Newark, O., to Oxford, O. The family moved to Newark, O., about two years ago. While here they resided in the Gamble property on South Pittsburg street.

THIEF GETS $40

John Kiferle's Apartment Entered and Cash Is Taken.

Several days ago the apartment of John Kiferle in the Dunn-Paine Building was entered while the family was out and $40 in cash was stolen from Mrs. Kiferle's room. The money had been put aside by the latter from her Christmas savings fund for purchases later in the week. While she stepped out for a short time, a thief entered the room and took the money.

The family has a clue that it is believed will lead to the apprehension of the thief. They have as yet taken no action, expecting the guilty one to return the money.

OHIOPYLE MAN IS 79

Frank Cunningham Takes in All Sessions at the Institute.

Enjoying good health, Frank Cunningham of Ohiopyle, celebrated his 79th birthday on Friday. Mr. Cunningham has been present at all of the sessions of the sixty-third annual Fayette county institute. In his earlier days he also was a teacher, and at the present a daughter and granddaughter is teaching.

The first school Mr. Cunningham taught was in Allegany county, Maryland, and for the three months' term received $13 a month. The entire salary was paid at the end of the term, the teacher receiving $39.

Revive Sheep Business.

Many farmers throughout the state are making an effort to secure and start sheep raising on a small scale.

MANY VOLUMES ARE PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS LIBRARY

The 28,000 Donated Equal Quarter of Yearly Accessions.

LINCOLN DOCUMENTS VALUABLE

One of Them is Original Draft of the Second Inaugural Address; Orient is Well Represented Among the Literature Which Has Been Added.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Gifts from many sources have brought more than 28,000 volumes to the Library of Congress during the year, and comprised more than one-fourth of the additions to its shelves. Retaining its place as the third greatest library in the world, and the greatest in the western world, the library now contains 2,451,974 books, 154,200 maps and charts, 770,248 volumes and pieces of music and 382,905 prints.

For large additions to the Chinese and Korean collections the Library acknowledges debt to Dr. Walter T. Swingle of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who visited the Far East in 1915 and purchased on behalf of the Library a total of 5,892 columes, including early Chinese books printed from blocks; Chinese historical and descriptive works covering the period of first contact with Europeans; early Chinese dictionaries and encyclopedias; Chinese works on natural history and pharmacopoeias; geological works and the writings of Confucius and the works of famous scholars; and a good copy of the oldest Japanese printed work extant, probably dating from the beginning of the thirteenth century; and a large collection of the writings of Kiabara, the Benjamin Franklin of Japan.

The Lincoln documents which have been presented to the library are of exceptional interest. These consist of the original draft of Lincoln's second inaugural address, and his two drafts of the Gettysburg address presented by Clarence L. Hay, who had them from his father, the late John Hay; and a memorandum as to the improbability of his reelection, presented by Miss Helen Nicolay.

As a rule the American composer and the American music publisher are beginning to prefer the national to a local library as the permanent custodian of manuscript scores. The Chief of the Music Division records not only gifts of autograph scores of the American composers but promises of gifts to come.

In the Document Division an effort was made to complete the files of official publications of the Latin-American countries, and it was exceptionally fruitful through a visit to these countries by the Law Librarian, Dr. E. M. Borchard. The Library's collection of Latin American documents may now be considered one of its important features.

A number of Yiddish books came to the Library in the two Dienard collections. The Yiddish literature in the United States assumes a respectable place as compared to other literatures; and even if the predictions of some come true that the Yiddish tongue will be dead before long, the Yiddish literature will still offer a wide and interesting field for historians, philologists, and students of comparative literature.

The portion of the library now classified under the new classification contains 1,584,508 volumes. Great progress has been made in eliminating remnants of the old classification. Practically all of the old chapters have now been reclassified, except such as contain works on religion and law.

Depository libraries containing complete sets of the Library of Congress catalogue cards now number 48, while 40 libraries of the United States government have partial depository sets.

The adoption of a uniform type for the use of the blind seems imminent to the Assistant in charge of the Reading Room. It is anticipated that an agreement may be arrived at between the British co-workers which will result in the solution of this problem.

In the forty-five years during which the copyright work has been a part of the business of the Library of Congress the number of entries totalled 2,932,397. During the last nineteen years the net receipts of the office above expenses for service, were $240,688.40.

PERRYOPOLIS.

DICKERSON RUN, Dec. 26.—Morgan Colbert was a Connellsville business caller yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lutz of Vanderbilt spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. George Glendenning at Everson.

William Forsythe, Thomas Zimmerman, Scott Osborne and J. M. Christ were recent Pittsburg business callers.

Mrs. P. M. Showalter of Dawson was calling on friends here last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty and children spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Moran of Scottdale.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brattler of Dawson were shopping in Connellsville Saturday.

George Kessler, Harry Shallenberger and Frank Trainer were tansacting business in Pittsbug yesterday.

Miss Grace Grimm of Pittsburg spent yesterday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Snyder of Dawson.

J. N. Colbert is spending a few days visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Stoner at Youngstown, O.

Samuel Morrel was the guest of Pittsburg friends Sunday and Monday.

D. J. Newell of Star Junction was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Newell of Vanderbilt yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brower of Newell spent Christmas here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Budd, Sr.

STRANGE LIGHTS IN SKY CAUSE ALARM

They Prove to Be Only Toy Balloons Inflated With Gas by Joker.

Thursday night and the night before not a few persons were alarmed by the appearance of mysterious moving lights in the sky over the business section of the city. Observers each night saw the tiny light bob up and down for a while, after which there was a report and a great flash of flame appeared. The flash was accompanied by a noise like that of handclap.

With minds full of reports of hand grenades, bombs and other modern warfare novelties, it was easy to believe that the heavenly messenger was something of the sort. One agile-minded youth undertook to explain to several girls last night that the phenomenon was due to experiments by a local inventor with a new kind of aerial bomb. The girls believed what they were told and scurried to cover when the light looked as though it was going to descend on Pittsburg street.

The explanation is simple. A practical joker filled some tiny balloons with gas and attached strings treated with tallow to them. Lighting the string and freeing the balloon the light from the glow illuminated the body of the rubber ball and as it mounted higher and higher it could not be distinguished from a large balloon or airship. When the string burned close to the balloon the gas exploded. Experiments showed that a balloon would carry about 18 inches of waxed string. As the string burned away the burden became lighter and the balloon mounted higher and higher. The explosion came after it when it got about 100 feet over the top of the tallest buildings.

SAMPLES OF MANY FOODS AND DRUGS ANALYZED IN YEAR

Department of Agriculture Officials Examine 76,468 Products.

THE LAW IS OFTEN VIOLATED

6,353 Shipments Offered for Import are Excluded or Admitted only After they have Been Relabeled to Comply with all the Requirements.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the enforcement of the Food and Drug Act during the last year, United States Department of Agriculture officials analyzed 29,833 samples of foods and drugs offered for interstate shipment and for import. A physical examination was made of samples from 76,468 shipments offered for import. Of these foreign shipments, 6,353 were found to violate the law in some respects and were either excluded from the country or admitted only after the importers had relabeled them to comply with the law. Of the samples of domestic products analyzed 3,535, either because of the nature of the product or because the label on it did not tell the truth, were found to be in violation of the federal law. In 1,364 cases the department recommended to the Department of Justice that criminal prosecution be instituted against the manufacturers or that the goods be seized.

In many cases where there was no evidence of intention to defraud, and where there was merely some remedied flaw in the wording of a label, the shippers, after being warned in hearings, voluntarily took steps which made their products fully comply with the requirements. In all, there were held 3,715 such hearings, many of which resulted in the prosecutions indicated and the gathering of evidence for a large number of additional cases, which will be forwarded to the Department of Justice.

The Bureau of Chemistry in its annual report, also calls attention to the fact that through the system of service and regulatory announcements now in use, manufacturers are given due notice of the requirements and thus are enabled voluntarily to make their products conform to the law. In this way the government achieves its purpose, frequently without entering into needless and very expensive litigation.

In the regulatory work, special emphasis has been given to the control of drug products and foods liable to spoilage and pollution. These frequently constitute a serious menace to health. The food inspectors have been instructed to be particularly watchful for interstate shipments of bad eggs, milk, oysters, and spoiled canned goods, and false and fraudulently labeled medicines and spurious, synthetic drugs.

A Son is Born.

Postmaster and Mrs. Theodore C. Marietta of Ohiopyle are the proud parents of a 12 pound son, born on Thursday night. Mrs. Marietta was formerly Miss Theresa Nolan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nolan of the West Side. The new arrival is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marietta of this city.

Wills $50 to Church.

The will of George Zafek, late of Mount Pleasant, filed yesterday in Greensburg, directs that $50 be paid the Slavish Catholic Church of Mount Pleasant and the residue of the estate to his own son, Steve Zafek. The property is valued at $2,700.

Altoona Papers Raise Price.

ALTOONA, Dec. 22.—The Morning Tribune and the Morning Times as well as the Evening Mirror, all the daily newspapers in Altoona, today anounced that beginning January 3 the price would be two cents a copy or 40 cents a month.

Subscribe for The Weekly Courier.

AMERICAN SURGEONS PERFORM MIRACLES WITH THE WOUNDED

Their Ambulance Hospital is Regarded as the Best in Europe.

CARRELL DISCOVERY MIRACULOUS

His Method of Treating Septic Wounds is Declared to be the Greatest Scientific Achievement of the War; French Worship U. S. Volunteers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Great as have been the surgical achievements in the course of the present war, there has been as yet no single discovery that has rivaled Dr. Alexis Carrel's method of treatment of septic wounds as the most notable addition to surgical science, according to a senior surgeon of the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly, near Paris, who has just returned to this country. "The French hospitals are slowly adopting the Carrel method," he said "and in the American Ambulance Hospital we have been using it for several months with gratifying results which seem to show that Dr. Carrel has proved his thesis.

"The reduction of septic wound treatment to an almost methematical basis is a feature of the Carrel method that suggests the fanciful thought of the possibility that the day may come when a surgeon's work will in some respects be like that of a train dispatcher. Having brought to him from day to day the microscopic count of the germs in a given wound, the surgeon may perhaps figure with preciseness the day on which the wound will be in shape to close completely. The two-hourly irrigations of the wound by the Dakin or other solution, is a highly important feature of the Carrel method, but the most interesting factor is the daily microscopic count of the germs. These germs are taken from given areas of the wound, placed under a microscope and counted, and from this count the progress of the healing is gauged. There are perhaps less germs today than yesterday, so many less tomorrow; and so the rate of the diminishing suppuration is established. The surgeon, almost without looking at the wound, can determine, when the count gets down to a given number, that it is safe to close it.

"The American Ambulance Hospital is the best single thing which America can do for France," he said. "The hospital has been at all times since its establishment two years ago one of the best hospitals in the world; it enjoys the confidence of the French Sanitary Service to such a degree that it ordinarily receives only the most difficult cases. The most severe shell wounds are constantly encountered. There are scores of young American surgeons who, from time to time serving at the hospital, have become familiar with these phases of surgery. They may rarely have occasion to use this knowledge in their ordinary civilian practises at home, but should the United States be at war within the next generation it will find that many of its surgeons in civilian practice are acquainted with every sort of wound now known in warfare. At the hospital further, there has been constant co-operation between the surgeons and dentists. An ordinary operation is that of grafting bone cut from the tibia or shin-bone into the lower jaw. I have seen young soldiers so frightfully wounded in the face that had they been my sons I should have almost preferred they should have died, but it is not for the surgeons to let the spark of life be extinguished through neglect of surgical science.

"The appreciation, gratitude and entire simplicity of the wounded French soldier is something that 'gets one' absolutely. I have never seen the slightest resemblance to anything that could be called bravado in his makeup. The American surgeons feel that they cannot be kind enough to the soldiers.

"All through, France the efficiency of the American Ambulance Hospital has become known, and distinguished surgical men are daily visitors. They come not only from the French hospitals, but from all of the Allied and neutral countries, examining with particular interest the many forms of special apparatus which the Americans have developed for the management of fractured extremities. These devices have been originated and improved upon largely by the younger members of our surgical staff. When a young surgeon comes to us from America for service at the hospitals he is assigned to a ward with a request that he improve the apparatus—and it is rarely that he fails to do so. It has been wonderful for the older men to see how readily and successfully the younger men have taken up this work.

"There are probably 1,500 wounded soldiers under the American Ambulance surgeons at this moment. There are 575 in the hospital at Neuilly, and a thousand more in auxiliary hospitals under our care. At Neuilly the entire hospital force, including the orderlies and other attendants, numbers some 500 men and women. Among them we have many of birth and education serving as orderlies. An Episcopal clergyman of Philadelphia did this work all summer and an American college professor who came in asking simply for 'something to do' has been very valuable in taking the histories of cases.

"The spirit of the wounded themselves is seen in a little incident that recently occurred at Neuilly. One little soldier who had been nicknamed by his comrades 'Tout Petit' had both of his arms shattered. One of his comrades in the hospital had lost a leg, and two others had each a shattered arm. These four had so far recovered that they asked permission to dine at a little restaurant outside the hospital. They were granted this, but came back late, and the chief nurse gave them a friendly—very friendly—scolding. The one-legged man said: 'You must blame me, Miss. You see I had to cut food for the other three and 'Touts Petit' didn't have any arm, so I had to feed him. By that time I had myself got so hungry that I ate more than I should, and that's why we are late."

PASSENGERS SHAKEN UP

Locomotive of Train No. 67 Overturns at Green Junction.

Passenger train No. 67 on the Sheepskin branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad collided with the locomotive of the second section of No. 97, an eastbound freight, at Greene Junction at 2.05 o'clock Friday morning. Engine 1313 of the passenger train left the tracks and overturned. None of the passengers was hurt, although some were rudely awakened from their slumbers by the collision. Some were considerably shaken up.

Several cars were damaged and the branch line tracks were blocked until 8 o'clock this morning when the wrecking crew succeeded in opening it to traffic. Passenger train No. 68 was detoured over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

At division offices of the railroad it was announced today that the cause of the wreck was unknown. An investigation will be made.

Train No. 67 was in charge of Conductor Knapp and Engineer Robertson, both of Clarksburg. The freight train was in charge of Engineer Coughenour and Conductor Howard.

Reports that the engine had plunged off the trestle into the river were denied at division offices.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 26.—Misses Inez and Clara Carroll of Harrisburg, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carroll of Connellsville street.

Oliver Haberman of Pittsburg, spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Haberman.

Miss Helen Haberman, Mrs. Ada Semans and Mrs. Margaret Carr and Miss Nellie Gilmore were Connellsville shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. D. C. Eason was a Connellsville caller Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Nicklow was shopping in Connellsville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. S. Cooper of Connellsville, Saturday.

Misses Pearl and Olive Eicher were Connellsville shoppers Saturday.

Ross Kimball of Harrisburg, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kimball of Speers Hill.

DICKERSON RUN.

PERRYOPOLIS, Dec. 26.—J. B. Knox and D. L. Graham of Star Junction were transacting business here Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Hough of Banning was calling on friends here Saturday.

Miss Helen Marshall spent Christmas with her parents at Crafton.

Mrs. Sadie Williams and daughters, Grace and Amy, spent Christmas with friends in Connellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stenger motored to Smithfield yesterday and spent the day with Mrs. Stenger's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cotton of New Kensington are guests of friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hawkins visited friends at Dickerson Run yesterday.

Mrs. Vadie Stickel visited her sister at Layton yesterday.

Will Exhibit Corn and Apples.

Many consignments of corn and apples are being received at the Department of Agriculture for exhibition at the State Corn, Fruit, Dairy Products and Wool Show at Harrisburg, January 21-26.

A New Minister.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Purnell of Dawson are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son. Rev. Purnell is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Dawson.

Licensed to Wed.

Edward Day of Layton and Mary McDonald of Dunbar, were granted a marriage license in Uniontown yesterday.

Apple Crop Worth $16,900,000.

The 1916 Pennsylvania apple crop is estimated at 16,932,000 bushels, worth to the growers $11,513,760.

Many Apple Trees.

It is estimated that there are about 9,000,000 apple trees in Pennsylvania.

CONNELLSVILLE AFTER INSTI TOWN MA

Uniontown's Only Now is One Revenue

AFTER THE TEACHE

Merchants at the County Big Sum Every Year, ment of Affair Have to Away to Get Folks

Lack of appreciation u of Uniontown and better tions in Connellsville a bring the county institute next year. At any rate right by which the coun claim to the institute yea is seriously questioned a ter will be put up stron county school authorities.

Connellsville has everyti mend it for entertaining t while Uniontown has litt except the fact that it is seat, local people say. T Theatre is the largest and best equipped in the co nellsville hotels are uns this section of the state. roads and a trolley sys means of transportation fo ers from all parts of the sides this, Connellsville w stitute while Uniontown, to having it year after yea patronize the evening ent nor attend the daily sessi

Connellsville has made bid for the institute each y mittee headed by Postma McGinnis having made a overtures to the authoritie hotel rates and half the transportation charges pa proposition made one year of the theatre was also off time.

The county appropriates year toward the expenses Each of the 740 teachers $2.25 to $2.25 enrollment f town people contribute not late they have not been att of the sessions.

With institute coming jus mas time and 740 teacher Uniontown benefits, it is es the extent of about $20,000

Local people contend th town, Brownsville and C should get the institute i year after year. Other coun there are several cities o size adopt this plan.

Building Workers St

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.— building construction wor mately $50,000 was suspe by a strike of carpenters ing engineers.

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SECOND EXHIBIT OF FARM PRODUCE IS THE BEST YET

Farm Agent Dougherty Well Pleased With the Results

THE ENTRIES ARE NUMEROUS

Interesting Talks Feature the Sessions Which Are Held at the County Seat; Sheep Raisers Tell of Their Troubles With Dogs; List of the Entries.

The second annual Farm Produce Exhibit at Uniontown, under the auspices of the Fayette County Farm Bureau came to a successful close Friday day.

The exhibit opened Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, having more exhibits than last year. The show was judged by Prof. W. H. Darst, of State College, who carried the work along in very good shape.

Wednesday was the main day of the show, having at 10 A. M. a discussion of placing the produce by Professor Darst. At 11 o'clock the County-wide Boys' and Grils' Corn Growing Contest came to a close. The winners in this contest were determined upon the following basis:

Yield, 30 points; profit, 30 poins; exhibit, 20 points; essay, 20 points.

After judging of the boys' corn, Professor Darst, who is head of the agronomy department of State College, stated that the exhibits of the junior contestants were superior to those of the older exhibitors and also that they were the best specimens of their kind that he had seen this year.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon a livestock meeting was held. This meeting was attended by at least one hundred interested stockmen. Dr. H. H. Havner, of the animal husbandry department at State College, was in charge of the livestock demonstrations. He gave an address, having before him several types of beef cattle and sheep, which aided him in his discussion. It was learned from blanks that were distributed among the stockmen who attended this meeting that only 1 per cent of those present were raising sheep as compared with 63 per cent who declared that they would raise sheep if the dogs were controlled.

Thursday was the last day of the show. Exhibits were open for inspection from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Much interest has been shown throughout the three days of the exhibit, there being at least 5,000 persons who view the show.

At the closing of the exhibit Farm Agen Dougherty said:

"I am of the opinion we had a better exhibit than last year, taking all of the specimens into consideration except apples, which were of a comparatively poor quality this year because of adverse seasonal conditions. In behalf of the Farm Bureau I wish to thank every person who had displays at the show and in fact all persons who had anything to do with making the exposition the success it proved to be."

The complete list of entries follows:

RED WHEAT—B. F. Lilley, first, McClellandtown; A. M Kendall, second, East Millsboro; L. C. Burchinal, Cheat Haven; Eli Shearer, Fayette City; Christian Deaterly, Fayette City; Charles Steele, Fayette City; John Gilleland, Smock, two; A. L. Fretts, Uniontown; James A. Bryson, Uniontown; Howard Burchinal, Gans; T. W. Gans, Gans; W. B. Swearingen, Uniontown; E. H. Rider, Smithfield; J. P. Gleason, Elliotsville; W. D. Hixon, Dawson; Isaiah Cover, Smithfield; J. P. Gleason, Elliotsville; H. C. Frick Coke Company, Uniontown, two; Finley Burchinal, Cheat Haven; J. W. Jefferies, Uniontown; T. G. Hager, Farmington; Fayette County Home, Uniontown; William Phillips, Uniontown; A. D. Lyons, Gans; L. M. Dils, Cheat Haven; T. N. Blosser, Smithfield; James Lyons, Cheat Haven; O. J. Emery, Cheat Haven; George Griffin, Cheat Haven; L. M. Dils, Cheat Haven; Elliott Christopher, McClellandtown; D. H. Cooke, Smock; Watson Luce, Smock; Ottie Rittenhouse, Smock; C. P. Hackney, McClellandtown; Iden Vail, Uniontown; W. M. Thompson, Uniontown; F. J. Martin, Masontown; W. H. Bryson, Uniontown.

RYE—Joseph K. Acklin, Brownsville, first; H. C. Frick Coke Company, second; Watson Luce, Smock, third; Ottis Rittenhouse, Smock.

OATS—H. T. Cochran, Dawson, first; George Lyons, Gans, second; T. W. Gans, Gans, third; Eli Shearer, Fayette City; Christian Deaterly, Fayette City; Charles Steele, Fayette City; Albert Gaddis, Uniontown, two; A. L. Fretts, Uniontown; T. C. Hager, Farmington; Fayette County Home, Uniontown; H. S. Eberhart, Point Marion; James Lyons, Cheat Haven; T. N. Blosser, Smithfield; G. W. Weltner, Smithfield; G. M. Griffin, Point Marion; James A. Porter, Cheat Haven; L. M. Dils, Cheat Haven; A. A. Brooks, Cheat Haven; D. H. Cooke, Smock; Mrs. Olive Lyons, Cheat Haven; A. D. Shuff, Cheat Haven; W. M. Thompson, Uniontown.

SOUDAN GRASS—R. M. Lough, Uniontown, R. D. 2.

BEST 30 EAR EXHIBIT OF CORN E. H. Rider, Smithfield, first.

MOUNTAIN CORN.—E. E. Cuppet, Somerfield, first; J. P. Gleason, Elliottsville, second; E. E Cuppet.

POP CORN.—Edward Burchinal, Gans, first; Lewis Frost, Uniontown, second.

BLACK SOY BEANS—E. H. Williams, Fayette City, first.

YELLOW SOY BEANS.—E. H. Williams, Fayette City, first; Hugh Rankin, Uniontown, second.

YELLOW CORN.—E. H. Rider, Smithfield, first; C. P. Hackney, McClellandtown, second; Porter Bros., East Millsboro, third; Charles Steele, Fayette City; William Woods, Fayette Cit; Eli Shearer, Fayette City; Watson Luce, Smock; [illegible] H. Thomas, Smithfield; W. B. Swearingen, Uniontown; T. W. Gans, Gans; H. C. Frick Coke Company, Uniontown; L. C. Burchinal, Cheat Haven; H. C. Frick Coke Company, Uniontown; Finley Burchinal, Cheat Haven; J. W. Jeffries, Uniontown; J. O. Strickler, Smock; O. J. Emery, Cheat Haven; Mrs. Olive Lyons, Cheat Haven; T. N. Blosser, Smithfield; A. A. Brooks, Cheat Haven; L. H. Dills, Cheat Haven; A. D. Lyons, Cheat Haven; G. W. Weltner, Smithfield; S. B. Lynn, Cheat Haven; Elliott Christopher, McClellandtown; E. E. Arnold, Vanderbilt; H. T. Cochran, Dawson; C. P. Hackney, McClellandtown; Iden Vail, Uniontown; W. M. Thompson, Uniontown; J. J. Harris, Uniontown; W. D. Hixon, Dawson; Porter Bros., East Millsboro; F. J. Martin, Masontown; Austin Rhodes Scottdale.

WHITE CAP CORN.—William G Gilchrist, Uniontown, first; J. W. Jeffries, Uniontown, second; Fayette County Home, Uniontown, third; William Wood, Fayette City; Samuel Brown, Fayette City; Albert Gaddis, Uniontown; A. W. Hair, Dickerson Run; Lewis Grubbs, Uniontown; William H. Thompson, Uniontown; Frank Byers, Vanderbilt; W. D. Hixon, Dawson; W. H. Bryson, Uniontown.

APPLES—R. R. Robinson, Smithfield, first, second and third prizes; J. P. Gleason, Elliottsville; L. C. Burchinal, Cheat Haven; Finley Griffin, Cheat Haven, 4; G. W Weltner, Smithfield; T. N. Blosser, Smithfield.

POTATOES—Isaiah Cover, Smithfield, first prize; J. P. Gleason, Elliottsville, second; G. W. Weltner, Smithfield, third; Harry Robinson, Smithfield; W. B. Swearingen, Uniontown; L. C. Burchinal, Cheat Haven; Finley Burchinal, Cheat Haven; J. W. Jeffries, Uniontown; T. N. Blosser, Smithfield; L. M. Dils, Cheat Haven; Mrs. Phil Lyons, Cheat Haven; A. A. Broks, Cheat Haven; O. J. Emery, Cheat Haven.

SQUASHES—J. W. Jefferies, Uniontown, first prize.

PUMPKINS—N. G. Kerns, New Salem, five; Lewis Frost, Uniontown, three; W. M. Thompson, Uniontown.

HEAVIEST PUMPKINS—N. G. Kerns, New Salem, two; W. B. Swearingen, Uniontown.

HEAVIEST HEAD CABBAGE—W. H. Bryson, Uniontown, two; Fayette County Home, Uniontown.

BUCKWHEAT—J. P. Gleason, Elliottsville, first and second.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORN—Joseph Cover, Smithfield, first; Altha Gans, second; William Zellmor, Mount Pleasant, third; Edison Hagerman, Dawson; Herman Balsinger, Uniontown; Mary Lovis, Uniontown; Edwin Boger, Uniontown; Edward Burchinal, Gans; Herbert Gans, Gans; Omer aBker, Cheat Haven; William Stevenson, New Geneva; Paul McCartney, Farmington; Raymond McCartney, Farmington; Sherrick Rhodes, Scottdale; Eugene Rhodes, Scottdale; Charles Fullem, Uniontown; Arthur Fullem, Uniontown; Robert Goe, Perryopolis; Harry Ford, Perryopolis; John Grubbs, Uniontown; Harold Arnold, Vanderbilt; Arthur Williams, Fayette City; Howard Haines, Perryopolis; Samuel Waddington, Fayette City; Anna Molenock, Uniontown; Edward Vail, McClellandtown; Ruth Brownfield, Uniontown; Harry N. Nixon, Dawson; Harold Murphy, Perryopolis.

CLOVER SEED—Howard Haines, Gans, first.

TURNIPS—J. P. Gleason, Elliottsville, first and second.

SPELTS—T. N Blosser, Smithfield, first.

CARROTS—Lewis Grubbs, Uniontown, first and second; W. D. Hixon, Dawson, third.

WOOL—W. M. Thompson, Uniontown, first and second.

COMPANY D IS TO RESUME DRILLS

Adjutant General at Harrisburg Orders a Revival of the Routine Training of National Guard.

Acting under instructions from the adjutant general at Harrisburg, commanders of national guard companies which recently returned from several months' active service on the Mexican border have issued orders for the resumption of weekly drills at the various armories.

Captain R. S. Norton of Company D, Tenth Regiment, will resume drills on January 6. Company I of Greensburg held its first drill since the return from Camp Stewart on Tuesday night. Eighty enlisted men and three officers responded. The company roster includes 125 names, consequently the attendance was considered good.

A campfire and discussion of their border experiences followed the Greensburg company's first drill.

Company D numbers 103 enlisted men and three officers, located at various points throughout the Connellsville region. Steps will be taken to get out a good attendance on the first drill night.

The guard companies were mustered out of the federal service but the members must serve out their enlistment in the state militia. Each private is entitled to pay of $1 for each drill he attends during the year.

HETZEL GETS 60 DAYS

Connellsville Man Pleads Guilty to Charge of Larceny.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—John Hetzel of Connellsville plead guilty this morning before Judge E. H. Reppert to the larceny of a revolver valued at $5. Judge Reppert asked Hetzel if he was the man who had appeared in court so often before and when the man answered in the affirmative he was given 60 days in the county jail.

Harvey Clark of McKeesport pled guilty to the larceny of $5 from Charles Fairs of Uniontown. He was given three months in the workhouse.

George Williams of Brownsville was sentenced to pay the costs of the case in which he was charged with assault and battery. Williams plead guilty to the charge.

August Cobbs was given 30 days on charges of entering a building, felony, and assault and battery.

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JACOB S. LOUCKS, A PIONEER OF THE MILL TOWN, DIES

Prominent Scottdale Resident Succumbs at the Age of 87.

ACTIVE IN MENNONITE CHURCH

Laid Out That Part of the Town Which Lies South of Pittsburg Street and Played a Prominent Part in the Upbuilding of the Busy Community.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 21.—Jacob S. Loucks, a pioneer resident of Scottdale and one of its foremost citizens, died at 8 o'clock this morning at his home, 115 Walnut street, following a lingering illness. A fall which he suffered some three weeks ago was a contributing cause. Mr. Loucks had been in failing health for some months past.

During an active life, Mr. Loucks was largely instrumental in making Scottdale the busy community it is. He was also an active member of the Mennonite Church, and it was largely through his efforts that the Mennonite Publishing House, which through the medium of 17 weekly publications carries the gospel of the creed to all parts of the world, was brought to Scottdale. He took an active part in the affairs of the local congregation and contributed generously toward the construction of its church.

Mr. Loucks was interested in the company which erected the Old Meadow rolling mill, now owned by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, as well as in other prosperous enterprises. He was for a number of years associated with Albert Keister in the flour and feed business. For years he has been a director of the First National Bank.

He was born on the old Loucks homestead in East Huntingdon township on October 29, 1829. The Loucks family was among the earliest to locate in that neighborhood. His early days were spent on the farm, and his education gained in the rural schools. His early life was that of a farmer. He was not only a good farmer, but a good business man, and accumulated considerable property. He was generally regarded as one of Scottdale's wealthiest residents, but this fact did not prevent him from being held in the highest esteem by his neighbors and friends.

"He was a mighty fine old man," was the tribute paid by an acquaintance, when told of his death.

Mr. Loucks lived in the old homestead which occupied a large tract of land along Broadway, just south of the general offices of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. In addition to his home he owned many other properties in and around Scottdale.

The funeral will be held from the Mennonite Church on Market street at 1:30 Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Alverton cemetery.

Mr. Loucks' wife died several years ago. He is survived by the following children: David S., Joseph R., John R., Aaron, Abraham R., George S., Martin R. Loucks, Mrs. A. D. Martin of Greencastle, Pa., and Mrs. C. A. Brilhart of Scottdale. He is also survived by two brothers, M. S. and A. S. Loucks, and a sister, Miss Annie Loucks, all of Scottdale.

SITES IN VIEW

Moose Have Several Locations Under Option for New Home.

A committee headed by Edward Duggan, named some time ago to choose sites for a Moose Home in Connellsville, reported progress at a meeting of the lodge Wednesday night. Several locations are under option and a number of others under consideration. Action is expected before spring so that work may be begun as early as possible.

The Porter-Norris lot on Apple street, the Aaron property, between the Aaron Building and the Connellsville Garage, the Kephart property on East Crawford avenue, now occupied by The News, and the Atkinson lot, at the corner of East Crawford avenue and Cottage avenue, are among the sites under consideration.

The Moose Club is arranging to hold a minstrel show some time in January or February. A committee was named to take charge of the affair.

DUNBAR MAN KILLED

Run Down By Truck on Road Near Monessen; Driver Arrested.

Robert John Thomas, about 30 years old, of Dunbar, was killed along the Webster and Monessen road Wednesday when run over by an automobile truck loaded with coal. John Geregac, driver of the truck, 18 year old youth was arrested. He told the police Thomas had thrown himself in front of the machine.

Thomas left Dunbar several years ago. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thomas of Dunbar and was unmarried. Besides his parents he leaves one brother, David Thomas, at home; and three sisters, Miss Margaret, at home, Mrs. Mary Hayden of Latrobe, and Mrs. Annie Miller, of near Dunbar.

BODY UNCLAIMED.

No Relatives of Man Killed Near Outcrop Have Been Located.

The body of an unknown man who was struck and killed by a Baltimore & Ohio train near Outcrop on Monday night is still unclaimed at the morgue of O. S. Vance in Smithfield.

Deceased was employed along with a gang of other men in relining the railroad tunnel. Efforts are being made to locate friends or relatives.

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POPLAR GROVE IS GIVEN A MARKER

Latest Presentation for Standard School is Made at Session of the County Institute.

Still another honor was accorded the Poplar Grove school of Connellsville township Wednesday, when Dr. Fred L. Keeler, state superintendent of education in Michigan, a county institute speaker, presented it with a metal plate bearing the words "Standard School" similar to those presented to schools in this state. Only last Friday, Miss Olive Bloom, teacher of the Poplar Grove school, received a certificate and banner proclaiming the school to be the first county standard school in Fayette county.

The award of the metal plate by Dr. Keeler was made during an address at the morning session of institute on "The Standard School." This was timely in view of the recent selection of Poplar Grove as the first school to attain county standard requirements. The plate was received by Frank W. Jones, supervising principal of the Connellsville township district. It will be placed over the door of the school house, which is located along Swaugertown road, a short distance north of the trolley stop at Poplar Grove. Thus, if anybody passing by does not know it is a county standard school it will not be because a banner floating from the flagpole and a name plate over the door, to say nothing of a certificate on the walls inside, do not proclaim it so.

Sessions today and tomorrow will wind up one of the most successful county institutes ever held in Fayette. Connellsville school teachers attended today.

WINS A PRIZE

Somerset County Woman Comes Third With Her Country Butter.

The results of the educational butter-scoring contests conducted at the Pennsylvania State College during the past year are of interest. A large number of samples were submitted both in the farm butter and creamery butter contests.

In the farm butter contests, conducted for six months, Mrs. George Peters, of Beech Creek, Clinton county, won first state prize with an average score of 91.92 per cent, and also first prize in her county. Mrs. D. W. Dayton of Birchardsville, Susquehanna county, second state prize with an average of 91.83 per cent and first prize in her county. Mrs. T. E. Arseman, Boswell, Somerset county, third state prize with an average score of 91.6 per cent and first prize in her county.

The judges for the butter contests were E. L. Anthony and I. J. Bibby, of the department of dairy husbandry, and for the creamery butter contests, I. J. Bibby and J. C. Joslin, of the dairy division United States Department of Agriculture.

HIS SUDDEN RISE

George V. Hobart, Wealthy Playwright, Was Cumberland Reporter.

Will A. Page writing for the Baltimore Sun of yesterday gives the following story of the success of George V. Hobart, a former Cumberland reporter:

The world of big business is replete with stories of the remarkable rise from poverty and obscurity to fame and riches of many industrious and ambitious men, but no story of big business is more fascinating nor offers a more remarkable instance of the elevation from the lowest ranks to the highest and the most successful than is found in the case of George V. Hobart, a former Baltimorean, who is rapidly becoming America's richest playwright.

Less than two decades ago Hobart was employed in a Baltimore newspaper office at the princely salary of $10 a week. Thanksgiving week of this year he received from the producers of his play, "Experience," a check for $4,767.25, representing the royalty on this play alone for the single week. From other sources and from other plays his income was considerably in excess of $5,000 for those six days.

PLANS BIGGER RAISES

Senator Penrose Wants More Pay for Federal Employes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—More substantial salary increases for employes of the Federal government in Washington were advocated yesterday by Senator Penrose when he announced his intention to offer an amendment to the legislative, judicial, and executive appropriation bill which passed the House Tuesday.

Senator Penrose's amendment provides that every employe now receiving $1,200 or less per annum shall receive an increase of 20 per cent and that all employes receiving more than $1,200 and less than $2,500 shall receive an increase of 10 per cent. This proposal provides not only for increases 50 per cent greater than those authorized by the House, but extends the scope of those affected from the $1,800 to the $2,500 class. The House provided increases of 10 per cent up to $1,200 and 5 per cent from $1,200 to $1,800.

JUNIATA GIRL TO WED.

Miss Helen A. Beall is Licensed to Marry Jesse Richter.

Jesse Richter of Connellsville and Helen A. Beall, 18 years old, a well known young woman of Dunbar township, took out a license to wed in Cumberland. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beall of Juniata. The bridegroom is 22 years old and is an engineer.

John Brown Goswick, 21 years old, and Ivy May Wingrove, 18 years old, both of Connellsville, were granted a marriage license in the same city.

Uniontown Man Dies.

William McPherson, 66 years old, died last night at the home of his son, J. B. McPherson in Uniontown, following an illness of paralysis.

ROSS BALSLEY IS KILLED WALKING ON P. R. R. TRACKS

Civil War Veteran Run Down by Passenger Train Near Coalbrook.

ONE OF TOWN'S OLD RESIDENTS

Member of an Early Family and a Frick Pensioner, He Lived on the DeMuth Farm, North of Town; Failed to Heed Warning of Danger.

While returning from Coalbrook to his home on the DeMuth farm, near town, Wednesday afternoon, Ross S. Balsley, 72 years old, a veteran of the Civil War, and one of the oldest residents of Connellsville, was struck by the southbound Pennsylvania passenger train due here at 3:15 o'clock and was instantly killed. Mr. Balsley was carrying coal from Coalbrook and was walking on the railroad track. The accident occurred in a cut a short distance from Mr. Balsley's home. It is thought he did not hear the approaching train in time to get out of its way. Both legs and arms were broken and his face was badly cut.

The body was placed on the train and brought to Funeral Director J. E. Sims' parlors and prepared for burial. Later it was taken to the family residence, from which place the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

It is said that Mr. Balsley had often been warned of the danger of walking on the railroad track to and from his home.

Mrs. Balsley was born in Connellsville April 18, 1844, a son of William and Sarah Robb Balsley, who were old settlers of Connellsville. He was an H. C. Frick pensioner. For a number of years he was a coke drawer at the Davidson plant and was pensioned about four years ago. He was a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers. Mr. Balsley was twice married. His first wife was Miss Ellen Sloup. Some time after her death he married Miss Rose Sipole, who with the following children: Mrs. Emma Brubane, Mrs. Rose Young of McKeesport, Bert Balsley of Davidson, Henry Balsley of Swaugertown, Misses Anna Edith and Laura Balsley at home, and one stepson, C. E. Sipole of Brownsville survive. One sister, Ann Balsley of the West Side, also survives.

HUNTERS ARE HOME FROM THE NORTH

Fayette Countians Go After Big Game Far Up in New Brunswick; Have Luck.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 20.—Bringing with them the limit in caribou, deer and moose John T. Hoover, Uniontown, Harry Edel, Brownsville; James Patterson, Bellevernon, and Charles Hoover of Masontown are home from a four weeks' hunting trip in the wilds of New Brunswick, where they spent almost a month in the heart of a great preserve owned by the Dominion 40 by 60 miles in extent. The lodge where they hunted was on a plateau 60 miles from New Castle, New Brunswick. Owing to the bad roads the men walked the greater part of the 60 miles, preferring to tramp it rather than be jolted over the frozen roots of trees which make driving in a road wagon anything but pleasant.

Game of all kinds was very plentiful. Altogether the four hunters counted a total of 261 caribou, 75 deer and 28 moose.

This was the first time some of the party had ever hunted that far North and fishing with deer meat through a hole chopped in the ice, with the temperature 10 degrees below zero, was but one of the novel experiences they enjoyed. All the men came home in splendid condition and with an enthusiasm for the Northland which cannot be chilled by memories of rough beds and baked beans—hardships at first, luxuries after they got used to them.

WILL FIX OWN CARS

Altoona Women Take Special Course at State College.

STATE COLLEGE, Dec. 20.—Six Altoona women who drive their own automobiles and who want to learn something of the machines' inside workings are taking lessons from Professor E. N. Bates, of the Pennsylvania State College mechanical engineering department. They have joined a class in the Altoona night school where Professor Bates teaches automobile construction, operation and repairs. There are thirty-three persons taking the course of twenty lectures.

The women registered are: Miss Margaret Davis, Miss Margaret Gamber, Miss Anna K. Gable, Miss Ada Morrow, Miss Lillie Geiser and Mrs. Martha Stewart. Local automobile dealeres have supplied several types of chassis for demonstration and practical work.

FALLS FROM ROOF

Uniontown Man is Painfully Injured in a Tumble.

I. N. Beighley of Uniontown, was injured on Friday afternoon when he fell from the roof of the home of George Whyel in Uniontown. He was unconscious for several hours but an examination by a physician failed to disclose any injuries more serious than severe bruises.

Mr. Beighley is a tinsmith and was doing repair work when he met with the accident. He is the father of Paul H. Beighley of this city.

SMITHFIELD BOY WINS CORN PRIZE

Is Awarded First Honor at the County Farm Products Show, Held in Uniontown.

Fourteen year old Joseph Cover of Smithfield was Wednesday awarded the title of "champion corn grower of Fayette county" when judges at the Fayette County Farm Products Show in Uniontown declared his record the best of all the entrants. He also received $25 in gold donated by a Uniontown bank. Master Cover produced a yield of 78.1 bushels on his acre plot of ground at a total cost of $18.25 and a profit of $73.87. His exhibit at the show took third place.

Altha Gans, 12 years old, of Gans, was awarded second prize as a grower but his exhibit took first place, he being awarded the blue ribbon. His acre produced 75.7 bushels at a cost of $33.33 and a profit of $52.04. His prize was $15 in gold offered by another Uniontown bank. Young Gans is a son of T. W. Gans and a nephew of John L. Gans of Connellsville. In 1915 he won the boys' and girls' stock judging contest at the Dawson Fair.

William Zellmor, 12 years old, of Mount Pleasant, was awarded third prize, a $10 gold piece. He produced on his acre 70.4 bushels at a cost of $24.79 and a profit of $63.21.

The ribbon for third best exhibit went to Sherrick Rhodes, 16, of Scottdale, who was eighth in the list according to production.

Herbert Gans, 13, of Gans, a brother of Altha, won fourth place in the contest.

Harry Hixon, aged 14, of Dawson, fifth place; Edward Burchinal, aged 15 of Gans, sixth place; Eugene Rhodes, aged 14, of Scottdale, seventh place; Sherrick Rhodes, aged 16, of Scottdale, eighth place; Miss Ruth Brownfield, aged 16, of Uniontown, ninth place; Edwin Boger, aged 15, of Uniontown, tenth place; William Welsh, aged 13, of Dawson, eleventh place; Ray Poorbaugh, aged 17, of Mount Pleasant, twelfth place.

Farm Agent P. E. Dougherty, in charge of the show, announced that the exhibits of the three prize winners will be sent to State College to be entered in the contest there during Farmers' Week, beginning December 27.

MOVE IS STILL TOWARDS CITIES

Census Bureau Estimates That 40.9 Per Cent of Population is in Towns Over 8,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The population of the United States continues to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the Census Bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increase from 1900 to 1916, disclosed that 40.9 per cent of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 8,000, as against 38.9 per cent in 1910.

The entire population of the continental United States for 1916 has already been estimated at 102,017,312. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,444,629.

The population of some of the leading cities as estimated today are:

New York	5,602,511
Chicago	2,497,712
Philadelphia	1,709,515
St. Louis	757,309
Boston	756,476
Cleveland	674,473
Baltimore	589,621
Pittsburg	578,090

LOCATES YOUGH DAM

Engineer J. H. Henderson is Now Working on Cost Estimate.

J. Howard Henderson, who was entrusted with the job of locating the proposed dam across the Yough, has made preliminary surveys, but has not concluded his estimate of the cost. The dam would extend across the river at a point not far below the Baltimore & Ohio railroad station. It would begin at a point near the northern end of B. O'Connor's property on the west bank of the river. The breast of the dam would be about 350 yards long.

The realization of a dream of years back—to dam the Yough at Connellsville and convert the river into a pleasure lake seems likely now. A former Connellsville resident has offered to pay half the cost if local residents will raise the remainder.

S. R. Goldsmith is looking into the legal end of the matter.

BODY IS CREMATED

No Religious Services Whatever for Woman Buried at Flatwoods.

The body of Mrs. Mary Husband Griffith, who died in Somerset county Sunday, was cremated Tuesday at a Pittsburg crematory and the urn containing the ashes deposited in the Flatwoods cemetery. Under the terms of the woman's will, no religious services of any kind were to be held over the remains, nor was it to be exposed to public view. The will also provided that the body be cremated and the ashes deposited in Flatwoods cemetery.

Mrs. Griffith's will was probated yesterday in Greensburg, the residue of her estate being left to her husband, H. L. Griffith, who was named executor. Mrs. Griffith resided near Youngwood borough.

Hay Prices Don't Gain.

Every farm crop of the past season shows an advance in price over last year with the exception of hay and in some sections of apples. The difference in price in these two products is very small as compared with a year ago.

Apple Shipments Heavy.

It is estimated that almost two million barrels of Pennsylvania grown apples were shipped to the New York markets this season and that a large percentage was exported.

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HOUSEWIVES ARE GIVEN ADVICE BY EXPERTS OF U. S.

Use of Fats Discussed by the Bureau of Home Economics.

OME ECONOMIES ARE POSSIBLE

Matter of Taste and Flavor May Make it Possible to Use Less Expensive Fats Than Where Appearance is Involved; Some Timely Suggestions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Flavor and color have an important bearing on the prices which must be paid for the various edible fats used in the home, since all are regarded as wholesome when of good quality and practically the same amount of energy is derived by the body from each. The housekeeper therefore must decide usually what she is willing to pay for relatively superficial properties in the foods. These facts are pointed out in a recent professional paper of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bulletin 469, "Fats and Their Economical Use in the Home," prepared by the Office of Home Economics of the Department. In discussing the selection of fats for special uses the bulletin says:

In general it pays always to buy fats of such good quality that none will have to be thrown away through spoilage. In some instances a higher-priced article may be more economical in the end, as, for example, clean, sanitary butter, as compared to a cheaper, but less sanitary product. In some instances, where taste or flavor only is involved, a less expensive table fat may answer quite satisfactorily the purpose of a more expensive one. For example, the chief use of table oils is as an ingredient of salad dressing, and when a characteristic flavor is not especially desired, good grades of cottonseed and peanut oils, having a bland flavor, may be used, when these are less expensive than the corresponding grades of olive oil.

Fats used for shortening, that is, in mixture with doughs, etc., influence the appearance, flavor, texture, composition, keeping quality, and cost of the foods in which they are incorporated. In selecting shortening fats flavor and odor are to be considered, but attractive appearance and color are of less importance, since in cooking these are usually masked. Other qualities being equal, those culinary fats are more economical and desirable which possess the best keeping quality; that is, the least tendency to become rancid. Also, for general use shortening fats give the best results if they are neither too hard nor too soft to be easily mixed with the other ingredients of the dough at ordinary temperatures.

Fats used as a medium for cooking in such operations as frying should be carefully selected, since they influence the flavor, appearance, and texture of the foods cooked in them, as is evident when one recalls the bad flavor imparted to fried foods by burned or rancid fat. Preference should be given to a fat which does not scorch too readily at the temperature most commonly used for frying. Experiments in the laboratory of the Office of Home Economics indicate that butter and lard scorch at a lower temperature than beef or mutton fats and cottonseed, peanut, or cocoanut oils. For this reason, therefore, the latter fats are preferable for deep frying, which requires high temperature.

It is a waste, the bulletin points out, to use more fat than a good recipe calls for. It is well known that too much butter makes a cake soggy, while a salad dressing with too much oil tastes "fat." The following are additional examples of ways in which economy may be secured. It is more economical to stir butter into cooked vegetables just before they are served rather than while cooking, and the flavor thus imparted is more pronounced. Furthermore, if added before cooking much of the butter is lost unless water in which the vegetables are boiled is served with them. Instead of adding butter to vegetables many people cook fat ham, bacon, or salt pork with them and relish the characteristic flavor thus imparted.

Much fat may be saved by home rendering of the trimmings from fat meat. The following method of rendering fats, found to be very satisfactory in the laboratory of the Office of Home Economics, may be applied in the home. The fat is cut finely with an ordinary household meat chopper or sausage grinder and is then heated in a double boiler until completely melted. The melted fat is then strained through a rather thick cloth (medium fine huckaback for instance) to remove the finely divided bits of tissue. The advantage of this method is that since the material to be rendered is finely divided the fat separates readily from the inclosing tissues at a temperature very little above its melting point, and there is no danger of scorching it as in the older open-kettle method.

Want More Money.

Farmers clubs and associations throughout the state are asking that increased appropriations be given the Department of Agriculture for the work of the Farmers' Institutes and the crops of Farm Advisers.

Plant Wizard Marries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Luther Burbank, plant evolutionist, and his secretary, Miss Elizabeth Waters, were married here yesterday by Rev. C. S. S. Dutton, pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

Onion Yield Gains.

The average yield per acre of onions showed a decided increase in the state during the past year. The average yield was 300 bushels to an acre.

TWO YEARS AGO AND NOW IN FAYETTE CO. AND COKE REGION

A Strong Contrast Between Conditions at the Two Periods.

THE SALE OF THOMPSON COAL

Brought New Hope to Coal Land Owners While Active Coke Market and Good Prices Help Operators Out and Wage Advances of Year Benefit All.

In contrasting conditions in the Connellsville coke region generally and in Uniontown particularly as they prevailed two years ago and at Christmas of the present year Colley S Baker writing in the Pittsburg Dispatch says that two years ago Fayette county was bankrupt and in the throes of adversity During the past year or more Mars the war god has heaped r ch's upon the county

Ten years ago Fayette county was prosperous and Uniontown boasted of having more millionaires within the confines of its corpora e limits than any other town of its si e in the Un t ed States Last Christmas there may have been one or two left but the city showed no traces of any

Christmas 1914 was a blue one for Fayette county and the whole coke region There was li e demand for coke and coal and prices were low The miners and coke workers were given two or three days a week work On the following January 18 the First National Bank of Uniontown closed its doors The next day J V Thompson the bank s president and the largest individual owner of coal lands in the world went into the hands of receivers His debts were $30 000 000 and he could not convert his coal lands valued at $70 000 000 into cash to pay his debts Fayette county was panic stricken and more than a score of millionaires followed Thompson either into receiverships o bankruptcy There was no busines in Fayette county in 1915

Toward the latter part of 1915 the demand for steel brought about by the war in Europe increased the demand for coal and coke, and in December a year ago about 80 per cent of the coke ovens in Fayette county were n blast. Miners and coke workers had well filled wallets with which to do their Christmas shopping last year but for the one-time millionaires there were no Christmas turkeys and little joy

Meantime the price of spot coke has advanced to new high points which in turn have had the ef ct of bringing substantial increases on contracts for both furnace and foundry This condition brings relief to the merchant operators who for the greater part of the past year have been filling contracts made on the basis of prices ruling when the trade generally was at a low ebb

During the past year the three different advances in the rates of the Frick wage scale have increased wages over 26% During the two weeks preceding Christmas it is estimated that $6 000 000 was paid out in wages to the workmen of the Connellsville region Meantime cheer came to the coal land owners through the sale on December 9th of 12 000 acres of the Thompson Greene county coal to the H C Frick Coke Company for $7 000 000 and the subsequent purchase by the same company of the property formerly operated by the Dilworth Coal Company

In addition to the sale of Thompson s coal the coal of several Uniontown men has been sold through the efforts of Thompson The trustees of Judge J C Work a bankrupt recently sold a tract of coal in Greene county for $700 an acre and C H Gorley has disposed of an acreage in Kentucky in a deal which brought him $80 000

H C Frick recognized throughout the world as the leading authority on coal and coke turned his hand toward the assistance of the Thompson creditors The sale of the great coal area in Greene county was made through the efforts of Mr Frick and Mr Thompson Frick recommended the purchase of the coal by the steel corporation and he negotiated with Thompson for the coal and secured Thompson to purchase for the Frick company other coal which adjoined the coal held by the Thompson creditors committee

While Christmas of 1916 was the most prosperous ever known in Fayette county it is expected that next Christmas will be even more prosperous Numerous coal deals are now pending and every day inquiries are being received by coal men for new areas in Greene and Washington counties and in West Virginia. Since the Frick sale many steel and iron concerns in the country are said to have come to the Fayette county coal owners and asked for coal

The coke operator are anticipating the biggest year in the history of the industry It is certain that with such a demand for coal and coke that the areas of Greene county will be opened within a very short time

BY-PRODUCT MARKET

Now a Matter of Distribution. The Ovens Being Sold Up for Year

The by product situation in Chicago says The Black Diamond has settled down to be one mere s of distribution The ovens are sold up for the remainder of this coal year for every pound they can possibly distribute to the domestic trade

Any prices that would be named therefore are almost nominal and would apply on very small lots The same is true of furnace and foundry grades which prices range at the ovens between $8 00 and $ 00 a ton

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SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN STEEL INDUSTRY

Freight Congestions, Coal, Coke and Gas Scarcity Create Many Difficulties.

The iron and steel industry is in a serious condition because of railroad freight congestion scarcity of coal and coke failure of the fuel gas supply and the inability of the roads serving the various plants to carry finished products out of the district says The American Metal Market Blast furnaces and steel companies in the Pittsburg territory are the greatest sufferers but producers in the Cleveland district report suspension of operation Reports from plants throughout the Central West give the impression that fully 25% of productive capacity of blast furnaces belonging to merchant interests have already been compelled to bank

Furnaces both blast and open hearth operated by the steel companies have also been compelled to curtail production to as great it not a greater extent The prospect is that the situation will grow worse rather than better in the next few days and no important relief is anticipated inside of several weeks Sheet mills wire drawers and tin plate mills apparently are suffering most from lack of steel and inadequate supply of fuel gas

Ordinarily there s a shut down of steel plants during the Christmas and New Year holidays but the suspension this year will be the severest since 1914 Shipments of finished steel on contracts are falling off heavily and not a few manufacturers will be compelled to curtail or suspend operation in the near future In some cases large consumers of steel are receiving only one tenth of their contract requirements and promises of delivery are likely to be broken again and again

The mills are doing their best to supply steel from other points but shipments will be necessarily inadequate Shipments of some products have been made from Birmingham into New England which ordinarily is supplied from Pittsburg Cleveland and other mills in the Central West

COAL AND COKE MOVEMENT

Less in November Than in October as Monthly Statement of Cars Shows

The statement of bituminous coal and coke shipments during the month of November prepared by C E Lesher of the United States Geological Survey shows that on 57 railroads 530 258 cars of coal were hauled as compared with 544 107 in October and 546 4 6 in November 1915 On 10 railroads serving the coking districts 50 394 cars of coke were hauled compared with 5 6 1 in October and 49 828 in November 1915

The decrease in shipments of bituminous coal in November 1916 of 2 5 per cent compared with October 1916 and of 3 per cent compared with November 1916 was in part due to the smaller number of working days in November 1916 The average number of cars of coal per working day was 22 103 in November 1916 against 2 000 cars in October 1916 and 21 800 cars in November 1916

The shipments of beehive coke in November 1916 showed a decrease of per cent compared with October 1916 and an increase of 2 per cent compared with November 1915

TO RETAIN STATE CONTROL

Friends of State Regulation Join to Cut Off Newlands Commission

Friends of state regulation of railroads regardless of party affiliation have joined forces in congress to defeat if possible an extension of the *life of the Newlands* railroad commission appointed to investigate all phases of the transportation question and to report to congress at the beginning of the new year

Representative Adamson chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce arranged to renew later the attempt he made unsuccessfully *some days ago to have* the House extend the investigation period until January 1918 The attempt confronted opposition particularly among friends of state railroad commissions who are opposed to a greater federal control of transportation facilities

NEW COAL PIER

To be Built by The Pennsylvania Railroad at Canton Baltimore

The new coal pier of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Canton Baltimore will be 940 feet long and 66 feet wide It will be built on creosoted piles with a reinforced concrete floor and a plain concrete bulkhead The pier is designed to carry a steel trestle and four travelers for unloading coal into boats The pier is so arranged that four vessels can be loaded at one time and has a capacity of 2 000 tons per hour

In connection with the pier there will be constructed a thawing house with a capacity of 30 cars a car dumper for unloading coal from standard cars to four ton cars which operate between the unloader and the trestle on the pier and a storage yard for loaded and empty cars having a capacity of 1 000 cars

CLASS IN CITIZENSHIP

James Wardlaw Instructs Foreigners at Everson.

A class in citizenship has been organized in Everson by foreigners wishing to become naturalized James Wardlaw *the mining authority is in* structing the class

Those in the class are preparing to take out citizenship papers when court is held within a few weeks

Buy Westmoreland Coal

The F A Humphries Coal & Coke Company of Scottdale has purchased a nine-foot vein of Pittsburg coal in Derry township Westmoreland county from Joseph A. Bridge for $2 988

Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN POINTS — **ORIGINATING DISTRICT**

Rate per Gross Ton of 2 240 lbs Destination	C'ville Pittsb'g	W'moreland Fairmont	G'burg	Latrobe
Baltimore, Md	$2 00	$1 65	$1 [illegible]	$1 6[illegible]
Chester Pa	[illegible] 00	1 85	[illegible]	1 80
Harrisburg Pa	1 70	1 55	[illegible]40	1 [illegible]
Johnstown, Pa	85	00*	60	[illegible]
Lebanon Pa	1 90	1 [illegible]	60	1 [illegible]
New York 37th St	[illegible]25	2 10	1 [illegible]	1 85
New York Brooklyn	[illegible]35	2 20	[illegible] 05	1 95
Philadelphia Pa.	2 00	1 85	1 [illegible]0	1 8[illegible]
Sparrows Point Md	2 00	1 [illegible]	1 [illegible]0	1 60
Steelton Pa.	1 72	1 [illegible]7	[illegible]	[illegible]
South Bethlehem Pa.	2 10	1 95	1 80	1 70
Syracuse N Y	[illegible]10	[illegible]	1 85	1 75
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P R R				
Greenwich Pa	1 75	1 [illegible]	1 45	1 3[illegible]
Greenwich Pa for Export	1 65	1 [illegible]	1 35	1 [illegible]
So Amboy N J F O B Vessel	1 95	1 80	1 [illegible]	1 [illegible]
Harsimus N J F O B Vessel	[illegible] 00	1 8[illegible]	1 70	1 60
Greenville N J F O B Vessel	[illegible] 00	1 8[illegible]	1 [illegible]0	1 6[illegible]
Canton Baltimore Md	1 75	1 [illegible]0	1 [illegible]	1 35
Canton Md for Export	1 73	1 [illegible]	1 25	1 18
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B & O				
St George N Y Coal Piers	2 2[illegible]	2 10		
St George N Y for Export	1 95	1 50		
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1 76	1 60		
Philadelphia for Export	1 65	[illegible]50		
Curtis Bay Balto Piers	1 7[illegible]	1 60		
Curtis Bay Balto for Export	1 [illegible]8	[illegible]		

*The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is

The Connellsville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad so th [illegible] Ruffsdale [illegible] from points on the Pittsburg Virginia & Charleston and [illegible] nts of the Monongahela River railroad

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutersville Pa from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia

TO WESTERN POINTS — **ORIGINATING DISTRICT**

Rate per Net Ton of 2 000 lbs Destination	Pittsburg	Connellsville	Latrobe
Canton O	$0 9[illegible]	$1 1[illegible]	$1 [illegible]
Chicago Ill	1 30		1 [illegible]
Cleveland O	1 00	1 [illegible]	1 [illegible]
Columbus O	1 00	1 [illegible]	
Detroit Mich	1 40	1 [illegible]	1 [illegible]
Indiana Harbor Ind	1 90		1 [illegible]
Toledo O	1 25	1 40	1 [illegible]
Youngstown O	[illegible]0	[illegible]	
Lake Ports	78	[illegible]0	[illegible]0

The Pittsburg District includes points east as fa [illegible] south on the Southwest Branch to and includ [illegible] ffsdale [illegible] including Brownsvill and Braz [illegible] on [illegible] Virginia & Charleston railroad eastward to Dawson [illegible] Baltimore & Ohio railroad and eastward to Dickerson Run [illegible] Brownsville on the New York Central lines

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale [illegible] Pittsburg Virginia & Charleston except Brazne[illegible] and [illegible] Monongahela [illegible] railroad points New York Central points east of Dickerson Run including Connellsville Transfer and points on the Baltimore & Ohio Dawson to Point Marion Pa

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CLEANING UP CAR SITUATION

Is to be Very Vigorously Attacked by the Interstate Commerce Commission and Railroad Associations, Congress to Confer Larger Powers on Former.

Steps have taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission looking to a sudden clearing up of the car shortage situation. The commission on Friday issued an order halting bef re it every railroad in the United States engaged in interstate commerce preparatory to laying down drastic rules fo the relief of the transportation situation

The commission s order follows an announcement *Thursday* by the American Railway Association s a service commission that eight of the large railroads had failed to comply with percentage of box cars to Southern and Western connections above the number o cars received The car service commission has established headquarters in Washington and for weeks has been working in co operation with officials of the Interstate Commerce *Commission to relieve the almost* nation wide car shortage

Under Friday s order all carriers are to appear at Washington December 28 to show cause why orders should not be issued requiring all cars tied up in various parts of the country to be immediately returned to the roads owing them without diversion o misuse This order would throw the transportation system into brief chaos *it is believed but would clear up the* situation.

The order was largely prompted by the food price situation Delay in moving foodstuffs thereby causing increases in prices due to shortage has been a serious development of the car situation The commission s order specifically mentions refrigerator cars heated and ventilated cars and others especially designed to carry food Open top cars employed extensively in the coal traffic are included

The commission is not sure of its jurisdiction over car movements and has recommended to Congress enactment of a law giving it specific authority to regulate car distribution The situation is so serious however that the commission has taken the bit in its teeth and is going ahead without waiting for statutory authorization in the expectation of being upheld by Congress

New Somerset Operation

The Sterling Coal Company a Johnstown concern has been incorporated *to operate a coal plant near Scalp* Level Somerset county Its officers are President J C Dovey Latrobe secretary E T Mahaffey Johnstown treasurer Joseph A Casare Latrobe

Acquired by Easterners

Property of the Gird Coal Company at Kelso, Somerset county has been taken over by large eastern interests

SWITCHMEN GET AN 8-HOUR DAY

Federal Arbitrators Settle Differences Between Railroads and Employes Diverging Views

NEW YORK Dec 23 The 8 hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime s gra [illegible] the Switchmen s union by the federal arbitration board in a de [illegible] to day with the railroads [illegible] love s with the railroads

The award gi s n increase of five cents per hour for both foremen an helpers

The switchmen had asked an advance of 10 to 1[illegible] cents They had demanded also time and a half time for overtime *instead of the pro rata basis* fixed by the board

While all six arbitrators signed the award James B Connor and W A Titus representing the switchmen dissented as to the five cent increase to the cenial time and a half for overtime and to the award giving overtime at the pro rate rate

F F Cotte and T W *Cragg* [illegible] railroad representatives dissented to the award of the eight hour day

This decision in the switchmen controversy with railroads has an important bearing on the Adamson law it was stated here today by an official spokesman for the conference committee of managers of the railroads It does not O K the Adamson Act in our opinion The Adamson legislation ga [illegible] pay for eight hours of work or an increase of about 25 per cent in wage The award today gives the switchmen only nine hour pay for eight hours of work or between 13 and 16 per cent in increased wages [illegible] a great deal of satisfaction out of this award

EXCEPTIONS DISMISSED

Judge Van Swearingen Refuses Appeal in Thompson Action

UNIONTOWN Dec 21 Judge Q Van Swearingen made an order today overruling and dismissing the exceptions to the decision and decree of the court of August 1 1916 in which *Elizabeth Kremer* administratrix of the estate of Albert C Kremer deceased was refused permission to issue execution on a judgment against Josiah V Thompson and in which it was held that the receivership of Mr Thompson s estate was valid

Twenty seven exceptions were filed by council for Mrs Kremer to the decree made by Judge Van Swearingen in August all of which were dismissed by Judge Van Swearingen in his order just made

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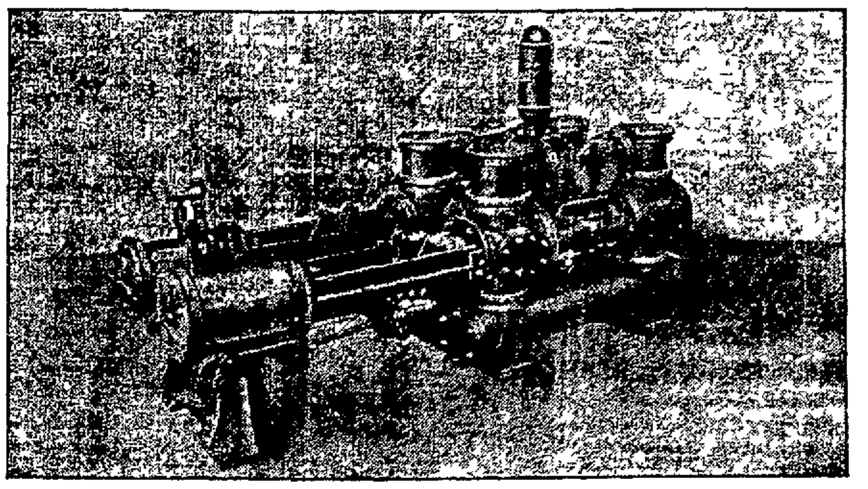

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